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Safety warning for drivers as road fatalities increase

DRIVERS in South Somerset are being reminded of the importance of road safety following the release of the latest figures for fatalities on the county's roads, which has increased on last year.

The statistics for 2016 from Somerset Road Safety show that 25 people were killed in 23 fatal collisions on the county's roads throughout the year.

This was an increase of three fatal casualties from 2015 [22], although fewer than in previous years and lower than the targets set by Somerset County Council as part of its long-term aim for a sustained reduction in casualties.

The council's road safety team receives reports following any injury in accidents recorded by the police and carries out its own research to identify trends and look for ways to improve safety across Somerset's 4,000 miles of roads.

This data is also used to compile the annual Road Casualty Review which will be published later this year. However, the initial findings for fatalities are released now to raise awareness.

In 2016, eight of the deaths were on urban roads, 14 were on rural roads with the remaining three on trunk roads, including the notorious A303.

Further analysis shows that 70 per cent of the fatal collisions involved cars, 13 per cent motorcycles, 13 per cent pedestrians and four per cent HGVs. Of the casualties, 64 per cent were drivers, 24 per cent passengers and 12 per cent were pedestrians.

In terms of ages, 44 per cent of the casualties were over the age of 59, 16 per cent were be-

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tween 40 and 59, 20 per cent 25 to 39, 16 per cent in the 16 to 24 age group, and one casualty was younger than 16 years old.

Councillor David Fothergill, Somerset County Council's Cabinet member with responsibility for road safety, said: "Publishing these figures each year helps raise awareness of road safety and really emphasises how important it is that we all think carefully about our actions during every journey."

"While the general trend in recent years has been for fewer people killed on our roads, the fact that three more people died in 2016 than in 2015 is a cause for concern."

"We will be looking carefully at the data in detail to identify if there are areas where we can carry out work to improve safety – be that through education or by physical measures on our roads."

"We work with many partners who also aim to reduce the dreadful toll of people who are killed and injured in collisions on our roads and will continue our efforts to improve safety in 2017 and beyond."

A spokesperson for the county council added: "Using latest Department for Transport figures, the 23 fatal collisions are estimated to have cost more than £46 million in damage and lost output, not including the emotional impact of the irreplaceable loss of a family member."

Fatal crash statistics year by year: 2012 - 27

collisions, 35 casualties; 2013: 28 collisions - 28 casualties; 2014: 32 collisions - 33 casualties; 2015 - 22 collisions, 22 casualties; 2016 - 23 collisions 25 casualties.

YEOVIL NEWS THIS WEEK

LOCAL MP Marcus Fysh is calling on Somerset County Council to take a look at problems which are causing severe traffic congestion in the Sherborne Road area of Yeovil.

Mr Fysh, who is also a county councillor, is taking up the cause of businesses and residents fed-up with the ongoing problems in the area, and has written to Somerset County Council's chief executive Patrick Flaherty with his concerns.

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CHARD NEWS THIS WEEK

CHILDREN and teachers at The Redstart Primary School in Chard have launched learning and teaching opportunities with their new international link school - Yunxi Primary School in the Yueyang Province, China.

The Redstart Primary recently had their first live video conference with their international friends.

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ILMINSTER NEWS THIS WEEK

A FUNDRAISING night at the Shrubbery Hotel in Ilminster helped to raise £650 for Ilminster Cricket Club.

The money will go towards the continuing renovation works at The Shed - Ilminster Cricket Club's bar and social headquarters on the Recreation Ground in Canal Way - which has been renamed 'Ricer's Shed' in memory of club legend Tony Rice who died last year.

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CREWKERNE NEWS THIS WEEK

CLAPTON, Drimpton, Wayford & District Horticultural Society's recently hosted its tenth annual potato day, which a steady stream of people arriving at Drimpton Village Hall.

Organiser Martin Rowan-Robinson said that about 160 people came through the doors on Saturday, February 4th.

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Four men sentenced to a total of more than 20 years

CHARGES INCLUDED KIDNAP AND AGGRAVATED BURGLARY

FOUR men have been sentenced to a total of more than 20 years in prison for a string of offences committed in Seaton last June.

Jamie Channing was sentenced on Friday, February 10th at Exeter Crown Court to 13 years for kidnap, GBH, possession of a BB gun with intent to cause fear of violence, aggravated burglary and ABH. He was cleared of a second count of kidnap and one count of theft.

Howard Dwyer was sentenced to five and a half years for aggravated burglary and

Troy Coaker was sentenced to 18 months for ABH. Both Dwyer and Coaker were found not guilty of kidnap.

Sean Currie, 51, was sentenced six months for theft the day before. He was cleared of two counts of kidnap, ABH and aggravated burglary.

Senior investigating officer Detective Inspector Dean Bassett said: "The jury has returned a large number of guilty verdicts for a string of incidents in Seaton during June 2016. The jury was unanimous in finding Channing guilty of wounding and the as-

sociated possession of firearms offence.

"The group [Channing, Dwyer and Coaker] were also convicted of an aggravated burglary which occurred later that same day [Friday, June 24th 2016] and a number of other assault and theft-related offences.

"The case was extremely complex and protracted. I would like to thank the hard work of officers DC Perry and DC Burnell, whose work from the time of the incident being reported through to the conviction has been exemplary."



■ Jamie Channing



■ Howard Dwyer



■ Troy Coaker



■ MEMBERS of Chard Tennis Club have taken to their National Lottery-funded tennis courts to help with the search for South Somerset's missing £100,000 Lotto Millionaire Raffle winner
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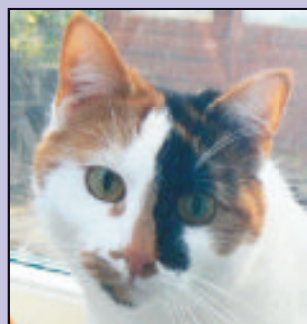
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Police failure in recording crime

DEVON and Cornwall Police has been slammed by Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabularies (HMIC), who rated the force's crime recording "inadequate" as it failed to record reports of rape, serious sexual assault, serious assault and human trafficking.

A report published on February 9th said the force only recorded 82 per cent of crimes, leaving more than 17,400 crimes unrecorded.

HM Inspector of Constabulary Wendy Williams did not hold back, and said: "These are not simply administrative tasks that Devon and Cornwall Police is getting wrong."

"I was most concerned to find that the force had failed to record reports of rape, serious sexual assault (against both adults and children) and offences of serious assault and human trafficking."

"Nationally, there has been sufficient

focus on the importance of crime recording over recent years to have expected better recording accuracy from the force."

"Other forces have recognised the importance of accurate crime recording, so Devon and Cornwall Police has no excuse to still be poor at recording crime, and certainly not for the most serious of offences."

"In 2014, HMIC made recommendations to the force on how it should improve its crime recording practices."

"We were disappointed to find that the force hadn't made progress against many of these recommendations."

"We estimate that the force fails to record over 17,400 reported crimes each year."

"Victims of crime in Devon and Cornwall aren't receiving a good enough service when they initially report crime."

"This is essential to ensure that victims of crime receive the right level of support they need at this difficult time."

Deputy Chief Constable James Vaughan said: "There is no doubt learning from the HMIC report around crime data integrity and I accept we and other forces have got to ensure we have better processes in place to accurately record all crime."

"This is more about recording a crime, helping a victim, but then not properly updating systems around supplementary crimes related to the same investigation."

"Recording crime in the right way is important as is ensuring that we have integrity in our data systems and how they are used."

"However, what is more important to me is ensuring we give victims of crime and those coming into contact with their local police a first class service."

"We don't believe that in the vast majority of circumstances we have not supported a victim."

"We record in excess of 80,000 crimes every year in Devon and Cornwall. The HMIC has said today that more than 80 per cent of those are recorded appropriately and properly."

"While it is of concern that some crimes are being recorded differently and this needs to be addressed, my focus remains firmly on protecting and safeguarding our communities."

"As a force we will further examine the HMIC's recommendations, look at the areas we can improve and how we can use this learning to improve the service we give to victims and the public."

Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez said that too many errors are being made:

She commented: "This is a complicated area but too many errors are being made."

"The Chief Constable assures me that progress has already been made and that it will continue as a priority."

"I will also monitor the accuracy of crime data recording as an additional strategic measure within the plan and I will be closely scrutinising the implementation of the Chief Constable's action plan to assure myself that performance has improved."

"Supporting victims and witnesses, and helping them to get justice, is a priority in my police and crime plan."

"I want to reassure all victims of crime, especially those who are raped or sexually assaulted, that the police will take them seriously and they will be dealt with professionally."

"If an individual is any doubt whether to report, in the first instance, they can contact the victim care unit on 0300 3030 554 where they will be supported through the reporting process."

Chard tennis players search for missing Lotto winner

MEMBERS of Chard Tennis Club have taken to their National Lottery-funded tennis courts to help with the search for South Somerset's missing £100,000 Lotto Millionaire Raffle winner.

With just days to go until the missing Lotto ticket is due to expire (February 23rd), the team from the tennis club are calling on South Somerset's Lotto players to check their tickets from the unique Team GB-inspired Lotto Medal Draw on August 27th 2016 for the winning Millionaire Raffle code PINK 2195 7600.

The one-off Lotto draw was held to thank National Lottery players for the support they have given Team GB through playing the lottery.

Every week Lotto Millionaire Raffle guarantees to create two millionaires, but 27 millionaires were created in the one-off draw to celebrate 27 Gold medals won in Rio.

In addition, 23 prizes of £100,000 to equal the Silver medal haul, of which the South Somerset prize was one, and 17 additional prizes of £50,000 to match those Bronze medals won by Team GB were also up for grabs.

The National Lottery has invested over £5 billion in grassroots sports to date, with Chard Tennis Club just one of many sports clubs in South Somerset to benefit from National Lottery funding. The club has received £63,000 towards a new clubhouse.

Keen tennis player and club chairman, Jacky Boothman, who joined the missing millionaire search said: "Chard Tennis Club was able to undergo a major revamp thanks to National Lottery funding from Sport England in 2014 and 2015."

"This funding has been invaluable in maintaining the popularity of tennis in South Somerset, helping keep people, young and old, active across the region."

"We are delighted to support the hunt and hope we find that lucky ticket-holder. As a club we already feel like lottery winners due to the National Lottery funding we have enjoyed, now let's find that other lottery winner in South Somerset!"

If no one comes forward with the winning ticket before the prize claim deadline, then the prize money, plus all the interest it has generated, will go to help National Lottery-funded projects across the UK.

With all National Lottery draws, players have 180 days from the day of the draw to claim their prize if they have the winning ticket.

Anyone who has any queries or who believes they have the winning ticket for any of the National Lottery draws within the 180-day deadline should call the National Lottery Line on 0844 338 7551 or email help@national-lottery.co.uk

■ PICTURED (far left, on page 2): Marion Beranek, Sally Cunliffe, Claire Hensley, Jacky Boothman, Kate Yamada and Sally Freeman join the hunt for the lucky winner

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Thatchers Cider announce continued support for Yeovil Town Football Club

YEOVIL Town Football Club has announced that Thatchers Cider has extended its sponsorship at the club for a further three years - taking its support for the club into a new decade.

Thatchers, the fourth generation Somerset cidemaker, will continue to have its name on the back of the home and away shirts, along with the naming rights of The Thatchers Gold Stand, the home of the Yeovil Town terrace supporters.

The Glovers' commercial manager Dave Linney said: "This shows tremendous loyalty and we are really pleased to be cementing our partnership with Thatchers who have been making Somerset cider at Myrtle Farm for well over 100 years."

"Commercial partnerships are the lifeblood

of any sporting organisation and this is another great chapter in the history of Yeovil Town Football Club.

"We are honoured to be associated with such an established brand and consequently feel that this is a strong progressive partnership between two famous businesses that are located in the fantastic county of Somerset."

Martin Thatcher, managing director and fourth generation cidemaker, said: "We share many values with Yeovil Town, not least a strong sense of community and family."

"We look forward to sharing many more memorable moments at Huish Park and wish everyone the very best of luck for the remainder of the season."

MP calls for road improvements

LOCAL MP Marcus Fysh is calling on Somerset County Council to take a look at problems which are causing severe traffic congestion in the Sherborne Road area of Yeovil.

Mr Fysh is taking up the cause of businesses and residents fed-up with the ongoing problems in the area, and has written to Somerset County Council's chief executive Patrick Flaherty.

He has called for upgrades to be made to a pelican crossing on Sherborne Road so that it no longer holds-up the traffic.

The pelican crossing is not currently linked to the town centre's circulatory system and its lights, which causes delays.

Mr Fysh has also urged the council to support his calls for Wessex Water to delay its roadworks - which are due to start in April 2017 - so that they do not overlap with the current Lyde Road/Sherborne Road works and cause even more traffic disruption.

"I'm happy to raise these specific issues and support the council in finding solutions for our traffic congestion," he said.

"I'm deeply concerned for several businesses and their employees - I know it is badly affecting them as well as residents and visitors to our town."

"I am now calling for the council to back me in tackling this issue, urging Wessex Water to delay its planned works until our highways work programme can better accommodate it, and to prioritise upgrades to the pelican crossing which is delaying traffic and needs addressing."

It should be noted that despite Mr Fysh becoming MP for the Yeovil constituency in 2015, he is still a serving councillor on Somerset County Council, representing the Coker division at County Hall.

New shop offers pre-loved clothes

A NEW shop has opened up in Chard, hoping to lend a hand for families looking for children's clothes.

Little Emery's will be run by Gemma and Andrew Emery, who have opened the new shop within the family-owned Emery's Newsagents.

The new venture is selling 'pre-loved' baby and toddler clothes plus toys, shoes and accessories.

Having two young children themselves - Livia and Robin - Gemma and Andrew found it difficult to buy children's clothes in Chard and decided to do something about it.

Gemma said: "There are lots of children in Chard and pre-loved clothing is so popular today.



■ LIVIA, Gemma, Robin and Andrew Emery at the opening of the new shop on Holyrood Street

"We think this will be good, the response has been very promising."

The new shop will take in any unwanted or old children's clothes in exchange for money or store credit.

Mayor to host charity wine tasting

A CHARITY wine tasting night will be held at St Margaret's Somerset Hospice home store - better known as the Old Cinema - in Yeovil later this month.

The wine tasting event is being held on Friday, February 24th and is being hosted by the Mayor of Yeovil, Councillor Darren Shutler.

The evening will be led by a representative of Majestic Wines, who will take guests on a tasty journey of different wines.

Funds from the evening will go towards the mayor's charity fund, which in 2016-17 has been supporting St Margaret's Hospice and the

School in a Bag charity, based at Chilthorne Damer near Yeovil.

The mayor said: "We held a wine tasting evening at the School in a Bag's Home Farm headquarters at Chilthorne late last year and it was a great success."

"I'm sure the next wine tasting night on February 24 at the Old Cinema in Court Ash will be just as good and well-attended."

Tickets are priced £10 each and need to be ordered in advance by emailing darrenshutler@googlemail.com or calling 01935 848768 or 074251 56591.

Twinning associations get together for annual lunch



JOINING FORCES: Members of twinning associations from Crewkerne and Chard enjoyed a joint lunch

MEMBERS of Crewkerne & District Twinning Association and Chard Helmstedt Twinning Society enjoyed a well-attended, joint annual lunch at Cricket St Thomas Golf Club.

The lunch took place on Friday, February 3rd and gave members an opportunity to socialise and talk about twinning matters.

This year, both towns will have visitors from overseas, Crewkerne from Igny and Bures-sur-Yvette in France, and Chard from Helmstedt in Germany.

Both organisations are active throughout the year, not only when visiting twin towns or hosting visits.

Plans are well under way with a visit to Hampton Court for Crewkerne and Laycock Abbey for Chard members coming up. Fundraising activities are also held throughout the year.

Twinners in Crewkerne recently held a coffee morning and their Chard counterparts will stage a quiz evening at the Lordleaze Hotel in Chard on Sunday, February 19th, 7pm for 7.30pm. It will be tables of four and £6 per team.

Anyone interested in joining or finding out more about the twinning associations can contact Cheryl on 01460 75025 (Crewkerne) or Collette on 01460 62449 (Chard).

Council launches new visitor guide

SOUTH Somerset District Council has launched a free visitors guide called 'Discover South Somerset'.

'Discover South Somerset' includes 39 pages of places to go and activities to enjoy organised into sections – such as 'Countryside', 'Let Us Entertain You', 'Days Out' and 'A Taste of South Somerset'. The guide also includes a fold-out map.

In each section of the guide there is an introduction, helping visitors with ideas of places to discover and things to do in South Somerset. The market towns and villages offer artisan shops, fine architecture and each section of the guide also carries advertisements for local businesses.

Councillor Clare Aparicio Paul, portfolio

holder for tourism, said: "The district council is distributing the new 'Discover South Somerset' brochures widely across the UK through tourist information centres, railway stations and motorway service stations to encourage more people to visit this beautiful area of England."

"Tourism is an important part of our local economy and we are looking forward to giving a special Somerset welcome to many new visitors this year, to share the attractions and wonderful countryside that is so close at hand for those of us who are lucky enough to live and work here."

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Students wow the crowds with 'Hairspray'

TALENTED students at Preston School in Yeovil must still be buzzing after delighting audiences with their 2017 musical production – the ever-popular 'Hairspray'.

The feel-good show was packed with song, dance, humour, sadness, great costumes and huge enthusiasm of a cast of nearly 50 students.

The story centres around Tracy Turnblad who sets her heart on becoming a TV star by auditioning for the 'Corny Collins Show' and then using her new-found fame to fight for equality.

The lead role was excellently portrayed by the effervescent talent of Anastacia Hayward – remember the name for future showbiz success (you read it here first!) – and it was as if the character was made for her.

She sang, danced and acted her way through the show from start to finish with aplomb and looked as if she was having the time of her life.

But a great show needs a great cast and Anastacia was backed by a super team.

Special mention must go to Ryan Farrand

who took on the role of Tracy's mum Edna Turnblad – the female role which has always been performed by a male dressed in drag. Ryan was excellent and got some big laughs with witty one-liners and expressions.

His relationship with on-stage daughter Tracy and husband Wilbur Turnblad (Brandon Rackliffe) was super. The duet between Ryan and Brandon – 'Timeless to Me' – in the second-half of the show was a highlight.

The talented Jacob Edwards also did well as Corny Collins with some intricate dialogue and didn't get a word wrong.

There was another fantastic performance from Pippa Strickland as Motormouth Maybelle – 12 months on after stealing the show in Preston's 2016 production of 'Sweeney Todd the Demon Barber of Fleet Street', as the pie shop owner Mrs Lovett.

Her solo of 'I Know Where I've Been' was brilliant. She graces the stage with ease, but her presence is enormous and – along with Anastacia – is a fine Preston theatrical talent.

The show included a number of well-known and catchy songs such as 'Good Morning Baltimore', 'Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now', 'Welcome to the Sixties', 'Big Blonde and Beautiful', and 'You Can't Stop the Beat'.

The performers were backed – for the first time – by a live band under musical director Liz Hughes. And, what another young musical talent Preston has on its hands with Year 7 student Joe Ockrim, who was so assured on drums.



EDNA Turnblad (played by Ryan Farrand) and on-stage husband Wilbur Turnblad (played by Brandon Rackliffe)



STAR OF THE SHOW: Anastacia Hayward as Tracy Turnblad is lofted above in the finale of Hairspray
Photos by **CHRISTINE JONES**

Preston principal Gregg Morrison congratulated everyone involved in putting on a show that the whole school could be proud of. To be fair – it was a credit to the whole of Yeovil.

CAST: Tracy Turnblad - Anastacia Hayward; Edna Turnblad - Ryan Farrand; Link Larkin - Joe Heaton; Corny Collins - Jacob Edwards; Seaweed J. Stubbs - Kris Bracey; Penny Pingleton - Josie Farrand; Wilbur Turnblad - Brandon Rackliffe; Motormouth Maybelle - Pippa Strickland; Velma Von Tussel - Charlotte Ryan; Amber Von Tussel - Grace Pryor; Lil Inez - Gracie Marles; Prudy - Amara Baker; Mrs Pinky - Jasmine Boniface; Gym Teacher - Megan Rogers; Harriman F. Spritzer - Molly Frost; Matron - Abi Berritt/Charlotte Harries; Gilbert - Abi Huttel; Stooie - Mackenzie Passmore; Cindy Watkins - Molly Fenner; Lorraine -

Amanda Johnson; Duane - Leah Read; Thad - Tom Clark; Principal - Caitlin Hackett; Principal's PA - India Courtenay.

Council Members: Tammy - Katie Tibble; Brad - Vini Lloyd; Fender - Ryan Chick; Brenda - Charlotte Morgan/Jasmine Tibble; Sketch - Max French; Shelley - Georgia Vincent/Sophie Gates; IQ - Jake Hunter; Lou Ann - Courtney Terry/Lily Keen.

The Dynamites: Judine - Darcie Studley; Kamilah - Megan Passmore; Shayna - Molly Mackenzie.

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About the Tom Chubb Fund

On the 30th October, 2012, the Axminster community was shaken by the sudden and tragic death of 18 year old Tom Chubb in a car accident.

Following the tragic news, Axminster's skate park has become a hub for those affected, with fundraising becoming an essential tool to use in order to turn the sadness and loss of Tom into something positive for the future.

The fundraising began when donations were made to the skate park during Tom's funeral. From then on, friends and relatives of Tom began a new journey, campaigning for better skate facilities for BMX and skateboard riders (something Tom loved) and... a dedicated team of fundraisers were born.

The skate park site has been donated by Cloakham lawns, and is not owned by the local

council, so it is up to fundraisers, the steering group and those who skate there to ensure the park is maintained and looked after.

Insurance, small rent to Cloakham and the building of the skate park all comes from fundraising and so there is a constant need for money to be raised at every opportunity to keep this hub alive.

Well-known skate park design and build company Maverick Industries will be heading up the latest design and contracting of the new park which organisers are sure will drive all ages and abilities from across East Devon to enjoy.

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Yeovil College hosts annual Apprenticeship Awards



■ THE inaugural Outstanding Contribution to Yeovil College Award went to Ashley Crowdie, Oliver Jennings, Ben Molloy and Jack Morris of Leonardo Helicopters Ltd, presented by the company's managing director John Ponsonby (centre). Below, all the winners with Principal John Evans and Mr Ponsonby



THIRTY-five outstanding apprentices have received prizes in a range of categories, highlighting the varied apprenticeships available across Yeovil College.

Apprentices and employers from across Somerset, Dorset and the rest of the South West gathered for the annual Yeovil College Apprenticeship Awards, held at Haynes International Motor Museum, Sparkford, on February 7th.

Categories included Business, Customer Service, Clinical Healthcare, Engineering, Professional Cookery, Hairdressing, Plumbing, Carpentry, and Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair.

In addition, the inaugural award for the Outstanding Contribution to Yeovil College was given to apprentices from Leonardo Helicopters Ltd.

This year's Apprentice of the Year was awarded to Bronwyn Tyson for her significant achievements whilst completing her Electrical and Electronic Engineering Apprenticeship.

A spokesperson for the college said: "Bronwyn is a fantastic example of everything an apprentice can achieve with some determination and hard work."

"She has won several awards this year as judges recognise the importance of her role, not only as a great ambassador for apprenticeships, but also for engineering; she is a STEM ambassador (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), and has worked with a primary school to ignite a passion for engineering in the next generation."

Emily Fox-Williams secured the Yeovil District Hospital Healthcare Support Services Level 2 Apprentice of the Year title, which she adds to her Highly Commended award in the Rising Star of the Year title at the Yeovil District Hospital iCare Awards this month.

During the ceremony, feedback from employers and lecturers was read out to the audience to highlight the pride felt by many about the students' achievements.

Six exceptional employers were also recognised for the key role they play in supporting and nurturing apprentices; Unwin, Sys-

temagic, Free Range Business and Accountancy Services, Old Mill Accountants and Financial Planners, Salon Fish and Dorset County Council.

The event was attended by apprentices' friends and family, principal John Evans, senior college staff and local dignitaries, as well as representatives of many local businesses, and the chief executive officer of Somerset Chamber of Commerce.

John Ponsonby, managing director of Leonardo Helicopters Ltd, gave an enthusiastic speech as guest speaker, commenting: "An apprenticeship is just the start of a journey of lifelong learning."

As Leonardo Helicopters have a team of more than 100 apprentices, he was only too aware of the need to future-proof the workforce with a sound partnership and quality employees.

It was therefore fitting that Mr Ponsonby was to award four of his own colleagues with the Outstanding Contribution to Yeovil College Award for their hard work in securing the loan of a Super Lynx 300 helicopter to Yeovil College by Leonardo Helicopters Ltd.

The evening highlighted the opportunities that apprenticeships offer, and the rewards apprentices can reap.

Mark Bolton, director of employer engagement at Yeovil College, said: "Businesses are starting to think about how they can build their employees from the bottom up and apprenticeships offer a very real and sensible solution to this problem."

"They enable an employer to recruit a young person into a role who has the right attitude, who wants to learn. We are working with businesses with apprenticeship vacancies that are crying out to be filled."

The college spokesperson added: "If you or a young person you know is sitting at home wondering what to do with their lives, talk to the Yeovil College Apprenticeship Team and have a serious think about how an apprenticeship could work for you."

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Chard impresses with traditional panto



■ **BOO-HISS:** Hayley Glazier as Carabosse (right) and her sidekick Viv Cumming as Spindleshanks. Right, Mandy Cameron-Taylor as Prince Orlando

CHARD Amateur Theatre Society served up its usual feast of panto mayhem and fun at the Guildhall with its 2017 production of 'Sleeping Beauty'.

Audiences thoroughly enjoyed the traditional panto of how good overcomes bad with its fair share of corny jokes and one-liners.

The cast was as follows: Princess Aurora - Kira Bellamy; Kitty - Maia Henley; Prince Orlando - Mandy Cameron-Taylor; King Nobby - Andrew Helbert; Fairy Peaceful - Jaqueline Dyer; Queen Dottie - Stuart Cumming; Fairy Graceful - Lily Cumming; Fairy Thoughtful - Barbara Gidley; Fairy Beautiful - Morgan Miller; Carabosse - Hayley Glazier; Billy - Luke Marshall; Spindleshanks - Viv Cumming.

Zombies - Steve Warwick, Mike Eldridge, Ruby MacDonald, Jasmine Jennings, Tristan Hyett, and Carrie Halsey.

Sphinx - Aoife De Bere, Jess Newton, Lily Cumming, Morgan Miller and Jasmine Jennings.

Kittens - Isaac Henley, Daisy Rapley, Jess Squires, Sharnie Mabey, Ryan Mitcham, Phoebe Mabey, Maia Henley, Tristan Hyett.



■ **CLASSIC TALE:** Chard Amateur Theatre Society's cast of 'Sleeping Beauty' and, below, Andrew Helbert as King Nobby (centre) along with Kira Bellamy as Princess Aurora (left) and Stuart Cumming as Queen Dottie



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New pet proves a hit at care home

OAK Lodge Care Home recently adopted a cat from Ferne Animal Sanctuary, and the new pet has proved a big hit with residents.

Gemma Jones, leisure and lifestyle manager at the Chard care home, said: "Taz is our newest and fluffiest member of staff here at Oak Lodge.

"We worked closely with Ferne Animal Sanctuary's rehoming department to find the perfect cat for the residents and Taz ticked all the boxes.

"Taz now lives in our dementia residential suite, the Acorns, and has settled in so well. Everyone loves him, especially those individuals with mid-late stage dementia as they are able to seek comfort and stimulation from him.

"Researchers have long suggested that pets are good for us, even offering health benefits such as lowering blood pressure and heart rate, reducing stress hormones, and boosting levels of feel-good hormones. While companionship is an obvious benefit, pets may also help with anxiety and depression.

"We're so pleased that we were able to give Taz his new home, and would like to thank Ferne Animal Sanctuary for helping us find him."

Tara Nirula, Ferne Animal Sanctuary's rehoming manager, said: "Taz is a black, eight-year-old male, neutered cat that had been waiting for a new home for nearly two months. Due to his age and colour he had everything going against him but being the loving, affectionate boy he is, he easily won Gemma over and found himself a new home.

"Oak Lodge is a lovely place and offers the security he needs but, most of all, with all the residents residing at Oak Lodge, he will not be short of laps to curl up on and as he loves human attention so much, he will be in his element.

"Thank you to Gemma and everyone at Oak Lodge for giving him such a lovely home."



■ **NEW FRIEND:** Resident Joan Grierson and health care assistant Abbie Sergent have already taken a shine to Taz (pictured below)



Children from Redstart Primary make international links with school in China

CHILDREN and teachers at The Redstart Primary School in Chard have launched learning and teaching opportunities with their new international link school - Yunxi Primary School in the city of Yueyang, China.

Building on the relationship that schools across the county are forging with Yueyang, The Redstart Primary recently had their first live video conference with their international friends.

Twelve children from Redstart gave a presentation about the meaning of Christmas. This was followed by an art lesson on traditional paper cutting, directed by one of the

Chinese art teachers.

Teacher Roger Hunt, who is helping to develop the link, said: "Our new link school will help broaden cultural and educational experiences for our children and as teachers we can explore new curriculum ideas together."

The Redstart Primary School also has an established link with Base Camp Primary School in Uganda.

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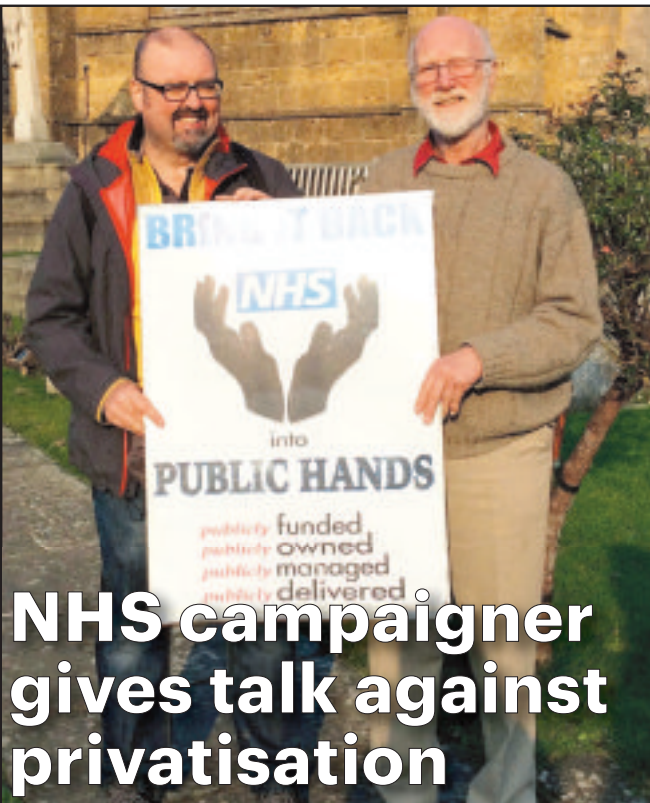
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NHS campaigner gives talk against privatisation

A talk was recently given in Ilminster by Colin Stevens of '999 Call for the NHS', a campaign group working to stop the privatisation of the NHS.

The informative talk shocked many residents and Mr Stevens covered the campaign group's belief that the privatisation of the NHS is nearly complete.

Mr Stevens' passionate talk ended with him telling the audience of an 'Our NHS' demonstration on March 4th in London, and some audience members said they were considering joining.

Mr Stevens (left) is pictured above with local resident Peter Lansdown following the talk.

Rotarians donate to Sweet Surprise



■ **SWEET Surprise** in Ilminster has received a cheque for £65 from the local Rotary Club.

Sweet Surprise, based in Silver Street, is a café and shop which provides work-place training for people with learning difficulties.

The donation from the Rotary Club of Ilminster was part of the proceeds the members made during a carol singing event in the run-up to Christmas.

Funds for Ricer's Shed boost by £650

A FUNDRAISING night at the Shrubbery Hotel in Ilminster helped to raise £650 for Ilminster Cricket Club.

The money will go towards the continuing renovation works at The Shed – Ilminster Cricket Club's bar and social headquarters on the Recreation Ground in Canal Way – which has been renamed 'Ricer's Shed' in memory of club legend Tony Rice who died last year.

Club chairman Paul Knight said: "I

would like to thank all the people that came to the Shrubbery Hotel on Saturday night to support Ricer's Shed project.

"A big thank you to all the usual suspects that helped with the draw and taking ticket money on the door.

"Thank you also to Ashley Preece and the team at the Shrubbery for allowing us to use the venue for the event."

Live music on the night was pro-

vided by Eat The Rich, a band from Torquay.

"I'm delighted to say that we raised £650," added the club chairman.

"In all honesty even if we'd made £50 it would have been worth it as it was nice just to see so many people enjoying themselves.

"Once again thank you to everyone who came along and here's looking forward to a good summer and seeing people all down at Ricer's Shed."

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Children and parents get creative during Greenfylde's family arts day

GREENFYLDE First School in Ilminster recently hosted a family arts day, led by Charlotte Steel of the Royal Academy of Arts.

The opportunity to work with Charlotte was the result of the National Pupil Premium Award, which the school won last year. A group of pupils and their parents participated in an all-day drawing workshop using charcoal, pencil, pastels and scraper boards.

Along with her model Carol, Charlotte led the group through a range of activities including life drawing and interpretive mark-making narratives.

The day started using just charcoal to complete life drawings of the model, looking at form relationships of size and perspective.

They then had a mark-making activity with charcoal and then, adding in just one or two colours for highlights and emphasis, created a narrative based on their work.

The children were encouraged to talk through the 'story' of their artwork and pre-

sent it to the rest of the group.

This was followed by a session on imagination and use of different marks to create mood and drama in monster pictures. There was even an opportunity for everyone to model a pose, hold it as long as possible and then interpret how each part of their body felt rather than how it looked.

Charlotte presented the school with a copy of her book 'The Comic Adventures of Old Mother Hubbard and her Dog', showcasing her use of monochromatic art.

A spokesperson for the school said: "Despite some nervous grown ups at the start of the session, everyone had a very enjoyable day and some amazing work was produced by both adults and children. The children gained a huge amount of confidence seeing the adults learning and working alongside them rather than just being there to help them."

The school is now hoping to extend the learning from this day to work with children

to gain certificates and qualifications through The Arts Awards scheme from Trinity College, as another part of their Pupil Premium prizes from last year involved five members of staff being trained to become accredited arts awards advisors and assessors.

Further details of the arts awards can be found at www.art-saward.org.uk



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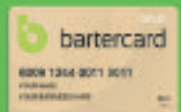
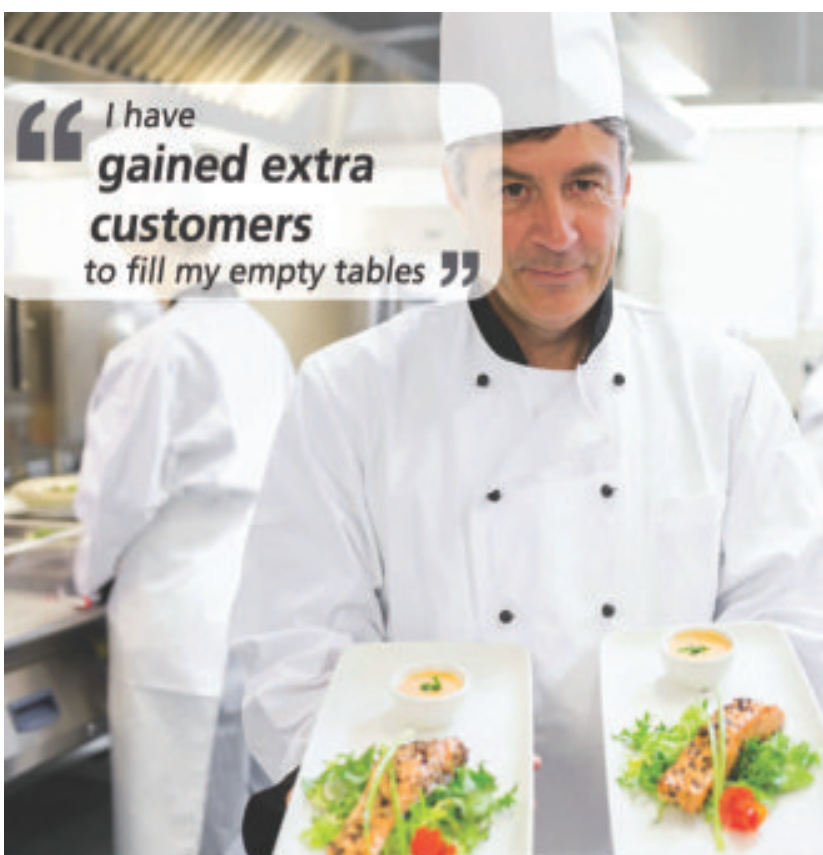
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Horticultural society hosts tenth annual potato day

CLAPTON, Drimpton, Wayford & District Horticultural Society's tenth annual potato day saw a steady stream of people arriving at Drimpton Village Hall.

Organiser Martin Rowan-Robinson said that about 160 people came through the doors on Saturday, February 4th.

The event has grown from focusing on seed potatoes to a variety of vegetables, fruit trees and soft fruit bushes.

Dorset Wildlife Trust also had a stall to offer advice on how to make gardens attractive to wildlife, and local artist Jenny Beck ran a potato printing workshop for children.

■ **SPUD-TASTIC:** Pictured below, customer Anna McLoughlin (left) inspects the spuds on offer. Right, the potato painting workshop was run by Jenny Beck, assisted by Ella Horn, and pictured bottom, ladies on the refreshments stall were kept busy



Plans to fell trees in conservation area

A PLANNING application has been submitted for permission to fell three trees within a designated conservation area in Crewkerne.

The application will be decided by South Somerset District Council and is for land at St Margaret's in Abbey Street.

The application says that one tree is next to a building, so will cause problems when it matures.

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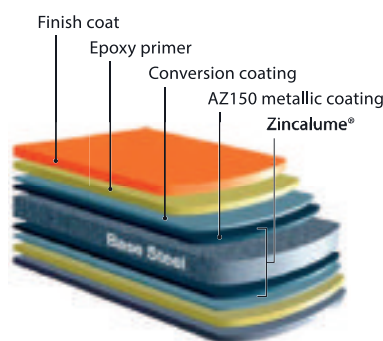
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Tickets on sale for Wadham's production of 'Guys and Dolls'



■ SHAPING UP: Rehearsals for 'Guys and Dolls' are going very well

TICKETS have gone on sale for Wadham School's production of iconic musical comedy 'Guys and Dolls', which will be performed on Wednesday, March 8th, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th.

Rehearsals are well under way at the school, with performing arts students representing all year groups having learnt the songs and dances. They are now busy getting into character to portray the down on their luck gamblers, nightclub dancers and mission workers that make up the cast.

Lead characters include William Skinner as Sky, Taryn White as Sarah, Merlin Forsey as Nathan and Lauri Toogood as Adelaide.

Miss Middleton, who joined Wadham as lead

teacher in music and performing arts in September, said: "I have been extremely impressed with the talent and enthusiasm of our students and the comic timing from our fabulous cast has had my teaching colleagues and I in fits of giggles."

"We are thrilled with how the production is shaping up."

A school spokesperson added: "The performances should be a real treat for parents, friends, family and members of the community that would like to see this professionally staged production."

Tickets are available from the school reception at £7 for adults and £5 for under 18s.

Television antiques expert to play 'Call My Bluff' at local fundraiser

NIC Saintey, who has appeared on television programmes including 'Call My Bluff' and 'Flog It!', will appear at the Millennium Hall in Seavington on Tuesday, March 7th.

He will be joined by fellow antiques experts Christopher Hampton and Daniel Goddard of Bearnes Hampton & Littlewood Fine Art Auctioneers of Exeter.

As in the TV quiz 'Call My Bluff', Nic (pictured right) and the experts will each offer a plausible and sometimes witty definition of an unusual antique and members of the audience have to guess which one is true. The event is being held to raise funds for improvements to Seavington Community Store, a much-valued village amenity.

A spokesperson for the organisers said: "It will be an evening of fun where imagination can be more useful than knowledge."

Tickets need to be purchased in advance and are available from Seavington Community Store and on 01460 249522. They cost £10 including a buffet supper.

The bar will be open from 7pm and the quiz will start at 7.30pm.

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Short story competition winners

THANK you to everyone who entered our short story competition, which formed part of our recent National Storytelling Week feature.

Congratulations to Valerie Price from Seaton whose story, 'Border Control', won the £15 book voucher donated by Owl & Pyramid bookshop, Seaton.

Also, well done to runners-up Evelyn Edghill, Glyn James, Carol Lancaster and Sophie Petit-Zeman.

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We recently moved to 23 West Acres, Seaton and unfortunately our oldest cat, Sukey, a large ginger and white 14 year old male cat has gone missing.

We ask all local residents if they could check any outbuildings - garages, sheds, greenhouses etc and to keep a look out for him.

He went missing on Thursday evening (9th February) and has not been seen since. We are concerned as this was the start of a very cold spell in this area.

We have put posters up and delivered leaflets in the area and have been heartened by the positive response by local residents.

We would like to thank everyone for their support so far, and encourage everyone to keep an eye out for Sukey and to continue checking their sheds, garages, outhouses etc

Please telephone **01297-24841** or my mobile is **07879-440316** and my husband Steve's mobile is **07881-367070** if you locate Sukey.



Half term fun on a budget

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Day trips and activities can cost a fortune – but you don't need to break the bank to have a lovely half term.

Make a Boredom Busters jar

At the start of half term gather everyone together and make a Boredom Buster jar. Brainstorm ideas of things to do during half term and pop them in your jar. You can take it in turns to pick out an activity and it's a great way to prevent any cries of 'Muuuum...we're boored!'

Free family days out

You don't have to splash the cash at expensive theme parks and attractions to have a great family day out. Museums, art galleries, farm parks, country parks, play parks...they are all fab and FREE! Some museums and other places offer free workshops in the holidays too.

Head for the great outdoors

Head out into the great outdoors on a walk



or adventure. It's completely free after all and you can discover nearby woods, hills or paths that you never found before. Take the bikes or scooters for a bit of extra pedal power. Or turn a walk into a treasure hunt with Geocaching.

Check for special offers

If you fancy a special day out at a zoo, farm park, theme park or other attractions check for any special offers before you go. Don't forget to take a look at the attraction's

own website too, in case there are discounts on tickets (you can often get a discount when booking online.) And see if you can get offers if you use your loyalty card points.

Pack up a picnic

Whatever you choose to do on a day out it's always much cheaper to take your own picnic with you. Pack up a scrummy picnic lunch and you can save pounds on having to fork out in cafes and restaurants.

Get crafty with junk

Spend an afternoon or a day getting crafty. You don't need to spend a fortune – turn the recycling bin into works of art.

Make dens

Spend a day making dens and playing in them. Grab old sheets and pegs and get creative. Or transform a huge box into a castle or house. Once created, make signs and gather cushions and play things to furnish it into a cosy space. You could even have lunch inside the den!

Hit the charity shops

Put some pennies in the children's purses and head out on a shopping trip that

doesn't break the bank. Scour charity shops, antique shops and fairs to find some lovely and unusual bargains. Perhaps your children will discover a pre-loved teddy that needs a new home or a board game to try out? When prices are cheap, you can shop without guilt and then spend the rest of the day playing with your goodies.

Head for the library

Take a trip to your local library. Spend a happy hour browsing books to borrow and bring home. There are often free art and craft or story telling sessions at libraries too. Often there are book sales so you can add to your book shelves too...fab, free family fun.



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ROYAL Oak Farm is a family run business that has been growing for 30 years, perfectly situated within the beautiful countryside and rugged coastline of East Devon and West Dorset. Recently awarded the 'Best Cream teas in Devon'.

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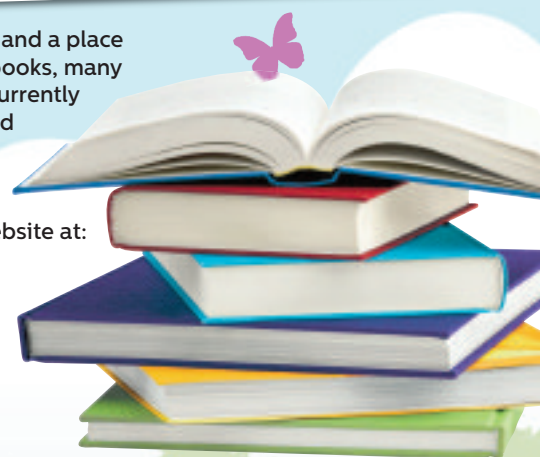
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Bilbys Coffee Shop

Bilbys coffee shop is celebrating its 16th birthday this week. They arrived in Crewkerne a week before foot and mouth came to Somerset in 2001. Jane and Tris worked in London at famous hotels and restaurants like The Savoy, Scott's, The Berkeley Hotel and Leith's restaurant before deciding to move to Somerset to have a family. Tris was the research and development manager for the new Oscar Mayer ready meal factory in Chard. Bilbys coffee shop prides itself in having a great range of homemade cakes and meals all made by them. Some of the recipes are traditional like their sponges, some are local recipes like the now famous Somerset apple cake and some are old family recipes like Janes mums Ginger shortbread and Boiled fruit cake. They serve food Monday to Saturday from 9.00 to 5.00. One of the most popular meals is the All Day Breakfast and bacon deli rolls. Since 2001 Bilbys has improved its wheelchair access and now has a room that can be used for private parties. Many community organisations like the Chamber of Trade, Knit & Natter, The Book club, The GO-OUT club and the Baptist church use this room. "Hatch, Match and Dispatch" Bilbys also cater for Christenings, weddings and funeral and many other types of functions. Jane now makes many bespoke celebration cakes all made to order. But like Jane and Tris say "We couldn't do any of this without two things The best staff in Crewkerne and The best Customers".




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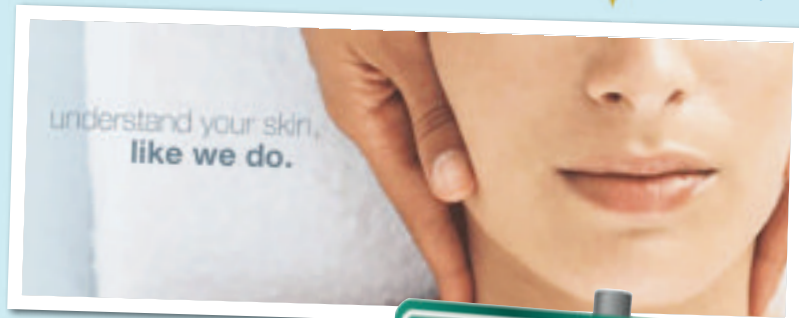


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Axe Music

Axe Music is a small, family run, retail music shop in the heart of Axminster. As well as being a one stop shop for all your guitar needs, Axe Music now offer guitar and ukulele lessons in store or in Lyme Regis! The lessons are in conjunction with Brian Street music. The shop is run by Andy Cable, a guitarist with over 35 years playing experience. Andy is a fully trained guitar technician and able to offer repairs, servicing, set ups and custom alterations to just about all makes of guitar. He offers a personal service, catering for everybody, from the first time beginner to the most experienced professionals. Axe Music is now the main dealer for Fender Squier guitars and now Peavey USA, and has a vast range of second hand instruments and amplification. The shop also holds a large selection of tuition books, ranging from Violin to Banjos! Andy is originally from Lyme Regis, but has been living in Axminster for the past 23 years. He has been trading since 2005, seven years of which he was based in Miltons Yard, before moving to his current premises in George Street in 2013. He started out repairing guitars just as a hobby, but 25 years later he has turned it to a big part of his successful business. Andy has made a name for himself locally with the well-known band The Relics, and has been playing guitar and singing semi professionally for more than 35 years. He is always happy to offer help and advice, so why not just pop in for a chat?

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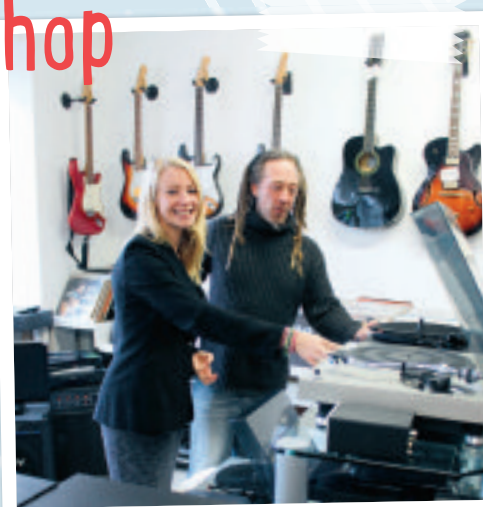
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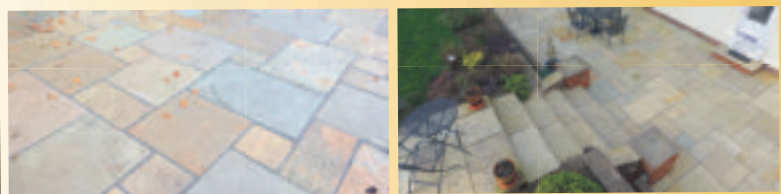
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Prostate Health Awareness

NURSE Specialist, Jane Billing, from Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital (Wonford) will be giving a prostate cancer health awareness talk on Thursday 23rd March at 2:30pm at Axminster Health & Wellbeing Centre. This free talk is for men and women. Please let us know if you would like to attend by calling 01297 32331 or emailing info@axminsterwellbeing.com. Wishing Well Social Group is for people affected by cancer. The group meets on a Thursday from 2:30pm – 4:30pm. New members are very welcome as are new speakers and workshop leaders. Forthcoming talks, which are open to all: 16th Feb

– Citizens Advice, 2nd March – Duncan's Unctions (learn how and why Duncan's Unctions came into being and how they can help soothe the skin), 16th March – Mindfulness Taster and 23rd March – Prostate cancer awareness. If you have a skill or interest you would like to share please do get in touch. The group have enjoyed art and craft workshops, story writing workshops and painting and are interested to try new activities. Please call 01297 32331 and ask to speak with the Centre Manager. www.axminsterwellbeing.com

Prostate Health Awareness Talk

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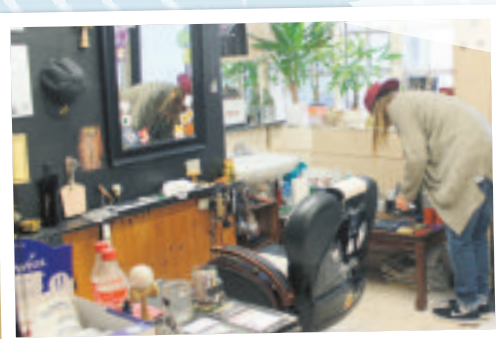
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The Choir Boy and the Brickie

ITALIANS, allegedly, are fanatical about three things: Opera, football and wine in that order. Devonians have altogether different priorities, with Folk ballads, rugby union and cider high on the agenda. But perhaps this is about to change; because the Opera Dudes are coming to your aria (sorry) this February. Before the month is out, amateur renditions of "Nessun Dorma" will be ringing out from shower cubicles across the county.

"We get a lot of blokes coming up to us at the end of the show," says Tim Lole, one half of the duo. "They say, 'Hate opera. Only came 'cause my wife dragged me. I absolutely loved it'."

Tim explains, "The show is an entertainment really, with everything from swag to show tunes to slapstick comedy, but it's that encounter with opera, having the Pearl Fishers and Nessun Dorma sung at you full blast, that people find totally irresistible".

Tim Lole and Neil Allen, two halves of the Opera Dudes, who are touring Devon through the arts charity Villages in Action, are an unlikely coupling. Tim was a choir boy turned organist and prize-winning conductor who worked at the Royal Opera House and Scottish Opera, where he conducted The Turn of the Screw, broadcast on the BBC. Neil on the other hand, was a bricklayer.

"Neil was a builder who sang in pubs and clubs until people told him he wasn't as good as thought he was. He got singing lessons and his teacher, Michelle Wegwart, realised he had the potential to be a very fine tenor. Aged 30, Neil sold his building business and set up a school, The Magdala Opera Trust, so that he could get an operatic training and fulfil

his dream."

Since then, Neil has sung with the City of London Sinfonia and the Orchestra of Opera North as a principal soloist, to name but two. His oratorios have included The Messiah, Verdi's Requiem and Mozart's C minor. The two tenors paired up after meeting through Neil's teacher, Michelle, who – can you guess? – is now his wife.

At first Tim and Neil performed classical concerts and dinner evenings, but the more they chatted with audiences, and let their personalities come out, the more they realised there was scope for comedy in their show. The Opera Dudes were born.

"We're like Il Divo meets Morecambe and Wise. Our show is very interactive and unpretentious. We always get the audience singing, but don't let that put you off!"

The song list is a truly eclectic mix: a mash-up of Verdi, Lloyd Webber, Chopin and Elvis.

Although their natural habitat, as accomplished tenors, is the vaulting architecture of an opera house, Tim and Neil really relish the intimacy of a village hall.

"I think rural touring is amazing for both performers and audiences," Tim enthuses. "For us, it's a chance to test our mettle. When you stand in front of 90 people, who all know each other and you're the newbie, you've got to be able to do your job. There's no bells and whistles in a village hall. It sorts the men from the boys!"

And from the rural community's vantage point?

"It's a great chance to come together with friends and experience some-

thing truly transcendent. It's only right that talented young people from EVERY postcode get that early exposure to professional talent."

So who needs the Three Tenors when you've got the Two Dudes? Just don't expect Neil to quote you on a new conservatory. He's swapped the mortar for The Messiah and there's no looking back.

Opera Dudes perform at: Sheldon Village Hall at 7.30pm on 16th February (tickets on 01404 841 367)

To browse the full programme of village hall shows organised by Villages in Action, and to support ongoing tours to Devon by international talent please visit www.villagesinaction.co.uk



■ The Opera Dudes

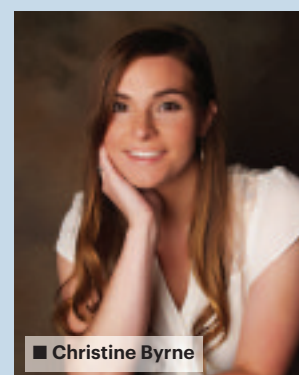
Scholars on song

A GROUP of the world's most talented singing students are staging a very special evening of song at Ilminster Arts Centre on Saturday, February 25th. The singers, who are all studying at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, will perform an accessible and entertaining programme of arias and ensembles from well-known operas and operettas, including favourites from Mozart, Strauss, and Gilbert & Sullivan.

The Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, educates some of the most talented students from the UK. Recent graduates from the RWCMD have secured principal work with English National Opera, Welsh National Opera, Opera North, Scottish Opera and Glyndebourne.

This concert will showcase the talents of RWCMD students Christine Byrne, Conal Bembridge-Sayers, Dragos Ionel, Lucy Mellors, Matthew Clark and Rachel Goode. All are extremely experienced young singers and actors and they are all following postgraduate courses on the pathway to successful professional careers. They will perform solos pieces as well as ensembles, and the programme will include much-loved pieces from Gilbert & Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance, The Mikado and The Gondoliers.

The Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama Singers perform at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House on Saturday, February 25th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £14. Advance booking is strongly recommended - to book please ring the Arts Centre Box Office on 01460 54973.



■ Christine Byrne

Oh What A Night this should be!

The music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons plus a tribute to Showaddywaddy

FOLLOWING their amazing run of sell out shows across the UK, The New Jersey Boys make a welcome return to Axminster on Friday, March 10th at 7.30pm, with their packed two-set show 'Oh What A Night'. Expect to hear all the hits such as Sherry, Big Girls Don't Cry, Walk Like A Man and many more.

This years high energy programme, featuring the amazing falsetto voice of Einar Vestman, includes a tribute to another great rock 'n roll

band, Showaddywaddy. So don't be surprised if you find yourself singing and dancing.

Ticketst are available, unreserved, from Archway Bookshop Axminster 01297 33595. Online: www.wegottick-ets.com. Also TICs at Taunton, Wellington and Bridport



■ The New Jersey Boys



■ Tribute to Showaddywaddy

On the hunt for ancient trees

THE LEGACY TO LANDSCAPE community heritage project starts its new season of events with a hunt for old trees in this historic landscape. It will be a theme running through this year, inviting people to help find those old, gnarled and large trunked ancient trees forgotten and hidden in the Legacy landscape.

'Ancient tree hunt in Woodend Park', takes place at Shute,

Axminster, from 2pm – 5pm on Sunday, February 26th.

Learn how to record these ancient and other veteran trees and meet the more elderly tree residents of the former medieval deer park, right in the heart of the Legacy Landscape with Jill Butler from The Woodland Trust. Please bring flexible tape measure, and if you have them, a GPS, Smartphone or

Tablet. No booking required. Free Legacy to Landscape event. Parking Haddon Road, Shute, EX13 7QR. Meet in front of Shute Barton entrance.

Alongside historical buildings, ancient trees are some of our oldest living monuments. However they too often go unrecognised and they don't get the official recognition that our buildings are afforded. Ancient trees

aren't mapped across the landscape in the same way ancient woodland is, which makes them unintentionally vulnerable to neglect and lack of management.

We need to find where they are so we can ensure their care and protection and also encourage their offspring seedlings to provide future woodland in this special landscape. Woodend Deer Park is

home to several old trees including the majestic 800 year old King Johns Oak. Other ancient oaks include Lord Arundel and Chaseland. The project would like to find out how they got their names.

For more information on how to get involved and full 2017 events programme, please email legacytolandscape@gmail.com; or 01404 310012



Diary Dates

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

BROADWAY: The Ile Valley Flower Club meeting at Broadway Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Dave Moon of the National Garden Scheme with a "Digital Visual Presentation". All are welcome as visitors or future members this should prove to be interesting to all Flower Arrangers and Gardeners

CHARD: Chard Royal British Legion Branch Meeting of the Chard Royal British Legion Branch will take place at 7.30pm, meeting in the Maltings Committee Room. The newly elected Branch Committee is very keen to encourage younger people to become members of the branch and help to support members and ex-members of our Armed Forces.

DUNKESWELL: Dunkeswell bowls club are holding a valentine curry evening with live entertainment to raise funds for a new outdoor carpet. This is the first of many fund raising activities we will be holding. So bring your valentine to chose from a mix from 6 exotic dishes with a sweet trolley to die for. This will be held at the Old Village Hall in Dunkeswell. 7pm for 7.30. Entrance by ticket only £12.50, bring your own liquid refreshment. Book a ticket and pay at the door, please ring Elaine on 01404 891519 or email danelaine@icloud.com

COLYFORD: Cash Bingo at Colyford Hall, 7.45pm in aid of Seaton Friends Hospiscare @ Home. Ample parking. Please come and support this very worthy cause.

SIDMOUTH: East Devon Organ Club at Primley Road Church Hall (EX10 9LH). Steve Hubble will perform at 2.30pm (preceeded by AGM at 2pm).

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre - Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2-4pm.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

COLYTON: Devonshire Association Axe Valley Branch at The Pavilion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields, 2.30pm An illustrated talk "The Colyton Canal". Ken Clifford will tell how in the 19th century there were plans for a Ship Canal to cross Devon and Somerset. Thomas Telford, a floating harbour at Beer, a cut through the chalk cliff - a famous smuggler as consultant... All welcome, admission £1 for DA members, non-members £3. Details from 01297551529 or brian_denham@talktalk.net

SEATON: Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

SEATON: Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by Helena Williams: Exotic Travels with my Camera. 10 am at Seaton Methodist Church small hall. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/prospective members welcome - come and give us a try. Please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 21872 for more information.

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway. Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5 . All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details

HONITON: Honiton U3A will be meeting on Wednesday 15th February when they see the return of popular speaker Sarah Obermuller-Bennett who will be telling us about 'Devon Ghosts and Legends' - a costumed talk of ghosts, scandals and shaking chains in haunted Devon! At The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton. Doors open 1.30 for 2.00pm start. Members free and visitors welcome (suggested donation £2). Tel: 01404 598008 Website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/honiton>

COLYFORD: Axe Valley Centre National Trust, Annual General Meeting followed by a talk on Killerton National Trust. Colyford Memorial Hall 2.30 pm Non-members welcome admission £2.00 including refreshments.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre - Cash prizes - "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For

Critically acclaimed play about iconic cricketer comes to Lyme Regis

FOLLOWING a sell-out tour in November 2016, Dougie Blaxland's critically acclaimed one man show *When The Eye Has Gone* is coming to The Marine Theatre Lyme Regis as part of a UK National tour on 8th and 15th March 2017. Tickets are available from the box office on 01297 442138.

When The Eye Has Gone tells the all too brief life of Colin "Ollie" Milburn - the cricketing legend who was one of England's most unlikely sporting heroes. Full of anecdotes, a thumping soundtrack and a

large gin and coke, the story swings backwards and forwards through Milburn's life as he raises a glass to the triumphs, including his first Test Century against the West Indies at Lords in 1966 and the disasters, like losing his left eye in a car accident in 1969.

The extraordinary story of Colin Milburn has all the hallmarks of a Greek tragedy. In 1966 he became a household name, scoring a blistering century against the mighty West Indies in only his second test. He then caused a major sensation playing for Western Australia in the Sheffield Shield smashing 243 against Queensland at Brisbane in an innings described by Don Bradman as "the greatest innings played by an Englishman on Australian soil". This was quickly followed by another glorious century for England against Pakistan in Lahore.

Just a few weeks later, on his triumphant return to England, he lost his left eye in a car crash in Northampton, an injury that effectively ended his career and life

prospects. His subsequent decline into alcoholism ended with his death from a heart attack at the age of 48. Ian Botham was one of the pall bearers.

Originally commissioned by The Professional Cricketers' Association for Mind Matters, their mental health awareness programme, *When The Eye Has Gone* was written by the award-winning playwright Dougie Blaxland, nom de plume of James Graham-Brown, a former Derbyshire and Kent all-rounder and directed by Roughhouse Theatre.

The part of Colin Milburn is played by GSA graduate Dan Gaisford. Dan has worked extensively in TV, film and theatre and his recent credits include Clybourne Park (Mercury Theatre Colchester), Kidnapped (Brassworks Theatre) and Henry Walker and the Wheel of Death (Roughhouse Theatre).

The show comes to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, March 8th and Wednesday, March 15th at 8pm. Tickets are £13 and £12 (concessions), available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.



■ Dan Gaisford as Colin Milburn

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CHARD: Chard Camera Club will be holding their in house Digitally Projected Image competition the subject being 'two open images'. They will also be judged on their Portfolio images (a panel of three images covering a subject of their choice) the judge for the evening being Mr Peter Hyett.

CHARDSTOCK: Beginners Tai Chi classes at Chardstock community centre every Thursday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. A fun and relaxed way of staying fit and healthy, suitable for all. Please contact Allan on 01297 32095 for more information.

COLYTON: Planning meeting for Colyton's Historical Re-enactment Event - English Civil War coming to you on Saturday, June 10th. Find out how you can take part in this exciting community event. All welcome 7.30pm at Colcombe Castle, Colyton. Organised by Promote Colyton Group. Further Info 01297 552626

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.00 am to 11.00 am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit - 10.30am to 11.45am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members.
CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 2 - 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17th

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

TATWORTH: Film: 'Bridget Jones' Baby' at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

SHELDON: The brilliant double-act 'Opera Dudes' will be bringing their show 'Licenced To Trill' to Sheldon Village Hall for Villages in Action, providing an evening of fabulous entertainment. No ordinary operatic duo, the two tenors rip up the rule book with an act ranging from classical Verdi through show songs and rock to 'Carry On' fun. Tickets for this show are available now from John Carr on 01404 841367. Prices - Adult £10 Child £5. Doors open 7 pm. Licensed Bar

SOUTH PERROT: Family bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 6.30pm. For more details call 01935 891224.

CREWKERNE: Special Lunch at Henhayes Centre. Roast Chicken. 12noon for 12.30pm. £8

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18th

SEATON: Seaton Lions table top sale at Seaton Methodist Church, doors 8am, sale 9.15am-1pm. Donation entry. Ample free parking. Tea/coffee. For more details call 01297 624313.

WHITELACKINGTON: Table Top Sale at Whitelackington Village Hall, 10am - 1pm. Free entry. A variety of new and used items.

HONITON: Hospiscare Bargain Sale, 9am-12noon, Mackarness Hall, Honiton. Home-made refreshments served.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 20th

WINSHAM: Winsham Art Club meeting. Lisa Neill, 'A Bowl Of Flowers', watercolour paint/acrylic paint. Meetings every Monday 2.4pm at the Jubilee Hall, Church Street. Coffee/tea and biscuits provided.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at Axminster Guildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness February Meeting. Guest Speaker: Teagan Craig on 'Understanding The Runes'. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. 7pm - 9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments). Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019

SMEATHARPE: Monthly Whist Drive at at Smeatharpe Hall. 7.30pm. Good prizes, raffle. In aid of hall roof funds. More info call 01823 601296

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit - 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2 for members/ £3 for non-members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 7 - 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try
CHARD: Chard, Ilminster & District U3A invites anyone who has retired from full employment to come along to Chard Guildhall at 2 pm for a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits and learn about 'A Tale of Two Tapestries' with Canon Andrew Evans.

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings - weekly listings without dates may not be published.

Nicky Sweetland's

Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

Local talents come good on the big stage

I GET to see lots of local theatre and I'm often blown away by the wealth of talent in the area.

We have a number of former professionals, who now grace the amateur stages

around here, bringing a fantastic quality to our community shows, including the fabulous Amy Wheatley, who starred in Bridport Pantomime Players' *Red Riding Hood* just a couple of

weeks ago and the fabulous Nicola Kathrens, who wowed audiences with her performance in Lyme's *Tempest* last summer.

There are also a few who I believe are good enough to cut it in the professional world including the indomitable Tracey Wakeling who will soon be appearing in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* at the Marine Theatre, Exmouth's Lance Vernon, who has got to be one of the best leading men in the area and Kelly Apps, whose portrayal of Eva Peron in Lyme Regis Musical Theatre's *Evita* has become the stuff of local legend.

Some do make the leap to the professional stage and it's always fantastic when my two worlds collide and I'm able to see friends in big shows in London and further afield.

Bridport's tap dancing sensation, Harry Poole is currently training at the Stella Mann College in London, former Woodroffe student, Celia Cruwys-Finnigan is touring the UK in the fantastic jukebox musical *Buddy*, and Perry Meadowcroft from Exmouth is set to make his West End debut in the Spring.

Alec Porter from North Bowood, was critically acclaimed last summer for his role in the musical *Crime and Punishment - A Rock Musical*, with music by Toyah Wilcox and after breaking both his ankles, is looking forward to getting back to the stage. Robbie Waugh from Axminster is working for Celebrity Cruises and travelling



■ WITH HER BUDDIES: Celia-Cruwys-Finnigan (right) with the cast of *Buddy*

around the Caribbean performing popular musicals to lucky guests onboard ship.

And then there's Lyme Regis' Luke Street, who after performing in the highly acclaimed West End production of *Gypsy* with Imelda Staunton is now set to take the lead himself in the international tour of a smash hit musical.

I'm not allowed to reveal which one quite yet, so keep your eyes peeled for details.

I've been lucky enough to perform with many of these excellent young actors and I'm afraid they may have learned some unsavoury habits from me, as I'm notoriously badly behaved backstage.

I'd like to think I could always see their potential, but also the drive it takes to make it on the professional stage. The appetite for success is a big part of the business, as even the most well known actors will spend

much of their careers out of work.

I've interviewed lots of stars and many of them talk frankly about the lack of work. I asked Maureen Lipman last year about what had enticed her back to pantomime at Christmas and she told me it was the guaranteed work and money that had ultimately made up her mind.

I also once asked Ruthie Henshall if she had any tips for youngsters starting out in the business and her reply was, "You've got to love it. You'll spend a lot of time out of work and you will spend a lot of time doubting yourself, because part of our job is rejection."

"You've got to eat, sleep, breathe it and love it, because otherwise you won't last long."

It's a tough business, but one of the greatest jobs in the world and amateur theatre can act as a good

grounding for those who would like to take up the profession.

For us mere mortals we have to be happy with just the joy of performing and it is such a joy. There's nothing quite like putting on a ridiculous costume and pretending to be someone else for a couple of hours.

There are an abundance of groups to choose from in the area and if you would like to have a go, most of them have their own websites and social media accounts, so are easy to find.

I've just arrived in Australia for a few days, so I'm off to see *Aladdin* at the Capital Theatre in Sydney next week as well as a highly acclaimed production of the *Testament of Mary* by Sydney Theatre Company.

I'll probably have a little mooch around the Opera House while I'm here too!



■ HERE'S A SCOOP: Toyah Wilcox and Alec Porter at *The Scoop* open air theatre in London



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Diary Dates

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21st

AXMINSTER: Cooking for One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At the Methodist Hall, Lyme Road, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information or email hannah@half.org.uk. 11.00am-12.30pm.

COLYFORD: Cash Bingo at Colyford Hall, 7.45pm in aid of Seaton Friends Hospiscare @ Home. Ample parking. Please come and support this very worthy cause.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre - Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2-4pm.

HAWKCHURCH: Boden one day shopping event at Fairwater Head, 10.30am-7pm.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22nd

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society first talk of 2017 at Uplyme Village Hall 7.30pm, by Steve Griffiths of Abbotsbury Gardens. This is entitled 'Four Head Gardeners Explore the Wilds of Chile', and will describe the adventures of Steve and three companions who retraced the steps of William Lobb, a noted Victorian plant hunter. Tea and biscuits will be available, members enter free but visitors pay £3.

SIDMOUTH: Coffee Concert 'Journey in to the Unknown'. Organised by the Friends of Sidmouth Town Band. Includes incidental piano music while you chat and have coffee. 10.30am-12noon at Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields.

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5. All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details

COLYFORD: The Colyton Parish History Society will hold AGM followed by a talk and slide presentation on the fascinating history and interior of one of Colyton's iconic buildings - Old Church House. 7.30pm at Colyford Memorial Hall. All welcome, non-members £2 incl refreshments.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre - Cash prizes - "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23rd

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

CHARDSTOCK: Beginners Tai Chi classes at Chardstock community centre every Thursday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. A fun and relaxed way of staying fit and healthy, suitable for all. Please contact Allan on 01297 32095 for more information.

HONITON: Honiton Probud Club. Talk by Bryan Short 'Last Man Standing: The Fate of Alexander's General's. 11.30am for 12noon at the Heathfield Inn. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men. New members/prospective member welcome - come and give it a try. For more details call 01404 234195.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.00 am to 11.00 am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit - 10.30am to 11.45am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 2 - 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24th

SEATON: Free Cooking Demonstrations For Heart & Diabetes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30-12.30 Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking and covering nutritional advice for people with, or at risk of, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At The United Reformed Church Hall, Cross Street, Seaton EX12 2LH. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Chat, learn, eat. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information, email hannah@half.org.uk or go to www.half.org.uk.

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This years high energy programme, featuring the amazing falsetto voice of Einar Vestman, includes a tribute to another great rock 'n' roll band, Showaddywaddy. So don't be surprised if you find yourself singing and dancing.

Ticket: Unreserved from Archway Bookshop Axminster 01297 33595.
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Diary Dates

Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

HONITON: Hospiscare Bingo Afternoon. Mackarness Hall, Honiton. Doors open 1.15pm Eyes down 2pm. Raffle & Refreshments.

SOUTH PETHERTON: Spanish Tapas Demonstration with BBC Materchef finalist Angela Langford. 7-9pm. Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton, TA13 5DJ. 01460 242775, www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk

CREWKERNE: Mumbo Jumbo in concert at Henhayes Centre. Tickets priced at £18 to include supper or £10 without. Supper served 6.30, concert starts 7.45. Bar.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25th

COLYFORD: Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9am-2pm. £5 a table. For more details call 01297 23591.

HORTON: Quiz Night at Horton Village Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm start. £5 per person with a sandwich supper, bring your own beverage. Excellent quiz master. In aid of Cabbage Driving for the Disabled (Forde Abbey Branch). Please book on 01823 481348 or 01460 75025.

CHARD: Chard based family carnival club ZEM annual prize bingo at Crowshute House. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.15pm.

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Ceilidh with music from Mischief and Mayhem in Uplyme Village Hall, from 7.30-11pm. Tickets are £9, to include supper (BYO alcohol), from Uplyme and Raymonds Hill Post Offices, Ginger Beer in Lyme Regis, or ring 01297 445104.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - Quiz & Supper Evening, 7pm prompt. All welcome; come in a team or join one on the night. Licensed bar; raffle; £9 includes hot supper, please book in advance on 01460 74849 or 01460 72769

HORTON: Quiz Night in aid of Local Carriage Driving for the Disabled. Horton Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm. Teams of to include nibbles and a sandwich supper. Bring your own drinks tea and coffee will be available to purchase £5 per person please book on 01823 481348/01460 75025

AXMOUTH: Play with Clay afternoon. Axmouth Village Hall from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Ceramic artist and teacher Ann Ford Evans will be leading this workshop. You will be able to take your model/inspiration home for it to dry and paint later if you wish. Refreshments will also be on offer during the session. Donations to the Spiral Centre (thespiralcentre.wordpress.com). Book you place with Christina Bows on 01297 23822

CREWKERNE: Breakfast, 10am-12noon (last orders 11.30am) at Henhayes Centre.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26th

SIDMOUTH: The Isca Quartet and Quintet, with leader Roger Hendy. Performing Haydn's 'Emperor' and Dvorak's 'American'. At Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields. 3.30-4.30pm.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 27th

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at Axminster Guildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

MUSBURY: Musbury Garden Club's second talk of 2017 will take place at the village hall at 7.30pm. Roger Platts, the well-known garden designer, highly respected plant and nurseryman, and Chelsea gold medal winner, will give an illustrated talk on simple garden design and an insight into how RHS judges carry out their job. A talk not to be missed. Refreshments from 7pm. All welcome. Non-members £2.50.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit - 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2 for members/ £3 for non-members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 7 - 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28th

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Send your diary dates to rob@viewnews.co.uk

Crewkerne Farmers Market continues at new home at Henhayes Centre

THE MONTHLY Crewkerne Farmers Market is this coming Saturday, February 18th by The Henhayes Centre (TA18 8DA near Waitrose and The Aqua Centre), from 9am to 1pm with the usual range of bread, cakes, ready meals, apples and seasonal veg, fish, meat, poultry and eggs and Ed the Potter!

Now is the time to be planting trees so this month (and March) the market has Steepholding Heritage Fruit Trees joining the line-up, based near Wellington. Hand-grafted heritage apple, pear, plum, cherry and quince trees chosen for their flavour, storage and disease resistance. The trees are available in several sizes, from tiny trees happy in pots all their life to semi and full size trees you could climb. Steepholding choose the best of the old varieties and graft them onto certified virus-free rootstock to keep their wonderful names and nature alive. The trees come with their roots wrapped up to keep them moist but are lightweight and pre-inoculated with beneficial mycorrhizal fungi. Somerset, Devon & Cornish varieties available and many from across England and Wales. See www.steepholding.wordpress.com for full lists of varieties and sizes available.

The Farmers Market has been in Falklands Square for some 15 years but the owners issued a non-negotiable and unaffordable rent demand just before Christmas. Hearing the news both The Henhayes Centre and the Rotary Club immediately stepped forward with potential new sites for the market and organisers are now in discussions for the best option. In the meantime, we are back at the lovely Henhayes Centre this month, with parking close by and a nice coffee bar.

Come along to the Farmers Market on Saturday for quality food and drink, produced and reared in the local area.

For Farmers Market dates across Somerset and details of all the producers visit the website at www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk or pick up the new 2017 leaflet when you visit Crewkerne on Saturday.

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Phone Steph or Christine on 01460 55783 for more information, or email on info@themeetinghouse.org.uk.



Fliss Gorst Band set to swing in Seaton



■ Fliss Gorst

LONDON-BASED saxophonist Fliss Gorst - originally from Axminster - will be returning to the area to perform with her band at Seaton Gateway this February.

The Fliss Gorst Band (formerly Jivestar) perform authentic swing, 50s rock 'n' roll, jumping jive and new takes on old classics.

The band are led by saxophonist Fliss, and consist of a stellar line up of some of London's finest musicians including highly acclaimed vocalists Kai Hoffman, Shane Hampshair and Lauren Bush.

Experienced performers, the band have performed on the main stage at Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club, Pizza Express Jazz Club, and regularly at The Spice Of Life Soho. They've also held a residency at Poppies Fish and Chips Camden since 2013.

The Fliss Gorst Band play at Seaton Gateway on Saturday, February 25th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £13 in advance, or £16 on the door, available online at www.seatongateway.co.uk or by calling 01297 625699.

From 'The Choir' to the Pilot Boat!



■ Gareth Malone with the Longest Johns. Picture: BBC

IF YOU'VE been following The Choir on BBC with Gareth Malone, you will undoubtedly have noticed a bunch of bearded Bristolian blokes who rather stand out from the crowd.

Now the Longest Johns, fresh from their appearance on the popular TV show, are among the acts appearing next month at Lyme Folk Revisited, the annual fundraiser for the town's summer folk festival.

The one-off show will be held on Saturday, March 18th at the Pilot Boat in Lyme Regis, and features three acts from across the region.

The five-strong singing group, all in their twenties, bring a youthful vigour - and a touch of bawdy Bristolian humour - to their performances of traditional shanties and their own original material.

Joining them for the evening will be Saskia Griffiths-Moore, a young singer-songwriter really making name for herself on the folk circuit.

Saskia's unique voice, perfectly complemented by her highly accomplished guitar

style, bring new life classic songs and her own brilliant compositions, and have already made her a popular performer in Lyme, with several appearances at the Marine Theatre and Lyme Folk Weekend. She is currently working on a much-anticipated second album.

Completing the evening are Mitchell & Vincent, a highly sought-after duo who have been among the most popular performers at Lyme Folk Weekend for the last four years. David Mitchell (guitar) and Graham Vincent (violin and vocals) play a stunning mix of high tempo tunes to get your toes tapping and beautifully soulful folk ballads to melt your heart.

A Lyme Folk organiser said: 'The annual Revisited show is becoming a traditional event for us, and we are delighted to welcome such amazing talent once again. All the performers are donating their time so all the proceeds from the show go to helping us put on the summer festival.'

'We think this year's show will be right up there with the previ-

ous ones in terms of quality, and we are particularly thrilled to be holding the evening in the Pilot Boat, as we think an intimate but friendly setting will suit our performers perfectly.'

Tickets for the Lyme Folk Revisited fundraiser are £10, available online at www.lymefolk.com, from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre (01297 442138) or from the Pilot Boat, 1 Bridge Street, Lyme Regis.



■ Saskia Griffiths-Moore

Review

Cinderella and that Rocker Fella

Performed by Axmouth Childrens Theatre

MANY YEARS ago I was a member of a small intimate theatre group called the Castle Theatre company based in Farnham in Surrey. Not as an actor nor as a writer you understand, but merely as a member of audiences who were regularly drawn in by the warmth and excellent productions that far outweighed the surroundings in which they were being performed but which were met by enthusiastic audiences whose presence reached out and drew the cast into performing some of the best theatre that I have seen.

Fast forward now some 50 years and I find myself standing in the small village hall in Axmouth where I await the musical pantomime which I have written for the brilliant young cast of the Axmouth Childrens Theatre group. Just as with the old castle this is a small intimate venue holding at most 50 punters who come to witness and be part of a genuine force in local amateur dramatics. But where all the parts are played by children.

I gaze at the hastily erected stage and the basic but more than adequate scenery and a sense of pride courses through my veins as the tribute music to a departed friend fades and the Fairy Godmother (Ellie Sykes) appears to set the scene. Of course the story revolves around Cinderella (the talented Imogen Oldfield) who is downtrodden and plagued by her ugly sisters who are brilliantly portrayed by Lilley Smitham and Caitlin Tooze while their poor mother Violet Bullen aged 11, wait a minute she's 11, then I realise the oldest member of this cast is only 13. Up steps Zipper, ok so it should be Buttons but this is Pantoland and wow what a stage presence this lad Kieran Jaycock has. This is now all moving along at some pace as we meet Prince Elvis (Elsa Wood in her first performance) and his sidekick Little Richard (Luca Flint) who are over here to play at the grand ball in Axmania where the prince hopes to find his bride so that he can become the King of rock n roll. Of course this is panto and things go wrong, the great ball burns down cue Little Richard's 'Goodness Gracious the Great Halls On Fire' and the ball becomes a festival in a tent, in a field and of course in the rain. More nonsense arrives with Farmer Bills Cowman (Calum Wood) and the rest of the Mangled Up Wurzels perform a short cameo role.

The poor old Baron (Will Sykes) is penniless and defenceless as the two sisters and the baroness bleed him dry with their constant shopping, his only joy in life are his trusty servants the Jedward twins (Euan Hartnell and Brandon Jaycock) whose idiotic and "very random" behaviour keeps us all amused while their version of "Under Pressure- Ice Baby" draws some of the biggest applause at each performance. The changing of the pumpkin into Cinderella's fine coach gives the two little Pixies Naïve Hartnell and Isabelle Hilton chance to shine in their own little scene. Of course this is a fairy tale -ish and having lost her silver gumboot in the mud the prince announces that whoever it shall fit shall become his bride and move to Gracelands in the USA, cue more laughter and tears as the sisters arrive with one swimming flipper on each foot claiming it to be an item of footwear worn in the wet (well that's what it says in Pictionary, sorry the dictionary). Yes it does all end happily but that's for the future but for now as writer and director of this play I can only praise this cast and backstage crew for bringing the story to life and thank the three very well supported audiences for their appreciation and enthusiasm. When I used to attend the old castle theatre there were many nights when I felt that I was a part of something very special and that feeling returned this weekend, well done everyone involved with this theatre group, its where the children are the stars.

Review contributed

Cast: Cinderella (Imogen Oldfield), Fairy Godmother (Ellie Sykes), Gwen and Gwendoline (Lilley Smitham and Caitlin Tooze), Baroness (Violet Bullen), Prince Elvis (Elsa Wood), Pixie Peony (Nieve Hartnell), Pixie Willow (Isabelle Hilton), Zipper (Kieran Jaycock), Jedward Twins (Euan Hartnell and Brandon Jaycock), Little Richard (Luca Flint), Baron (Will Sykes) Cameo Farmers (Callum Wood, John Oldfield, Rebecca Smitham, Beth Wood)
Writer/Director: Malcolm Henty
Stage Production: Lindsay Smitham, Samantha Tooze
Posters and Publicity: Dennis & Rosy Hall, Euan Hartnell
Lighting: Matt Real
Box Office: Doris Clement
Teas: Betty Board, Rose Tidball and Alison Morris
Curtains and Prompt: Emma Price
Backstage: Lisa Wood, Trudi Hartnell, Vicky Flint, Beth Wood
Choreography: Imogen Oldfield, Caitlin Tooze and Girls & Boys of the cast

ACT would like to thank Axmouth Village Hall Committee for the use of the hall for rehearsals and Blaze Concepts for their excellent website. The shows were dedicated to the memory of the late Norman Owen a founder member of ACT www.axmouthchildrenstheatre.org.uk



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2017 PROPERTY MARKET SHOWS PROMISE....

MARK Goodenough of Pennys Estate Agents reports that despite still being in mid February and in the grip of the English winter, the property market in East Devon has started well with buyers in most price ranges keen to take advantage of the new instruction coming to the market. As always, a traditional uplift in activity is anticipated as we head towards Easter and the Spring market but buyers, particularly first timers, appear keen to take full advantage of the affordable interest rates available from lenders. There is also a reasonable number of buy-to-let investors who, despite facing the surcharge on stamp duty, are focused on max-

imising their rental return and investment yield. Many of the investors are also mindful of a medium term increase on their purchase as values and prices inevitably continue to rise. In terms of potential sellers, some vendors are marketing their property early this year to draw interest before, potentially, a raft of new instructions in the March/April period. In all, the market has started well this year, despite wider economic and political concerns so if you are considering a sale or purchase in 2017 please feel free to contact Pennys for advice on 01297 22224



NEW RECRUIT

JEREMY Smith, Partner at Symonds & Sampson in Beaminster is seen here welcoming here his latest recruit Liz Richards who has recently joined the staff in Beaminster. Jeremy commented "we are extremely pleased to welcome Liz aboard. She has recently moved into Beaminster and has had historically a wealth of estate agency experience working for a number of well-known and highly respected estate agency business". There is no doubt that these levels of experience will prove to be invaluable to our many vendors and applicants alike.

Liz herself added "I was thrilled to move to Beaminster recently indeed I bought my home through Symonds & Sampson and was very impressed with the service provided. Once the opportunity became available to join the company it was a simple decision to make. I must say whenever I drive around Beaminster and the local area all I see are Symonds & Sampson sold boards and I hope very much that I can quickly add to the collection".

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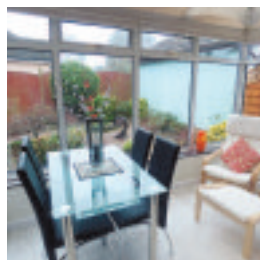
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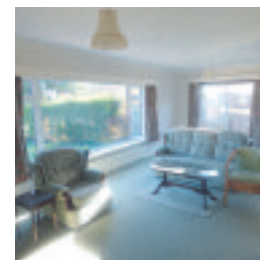
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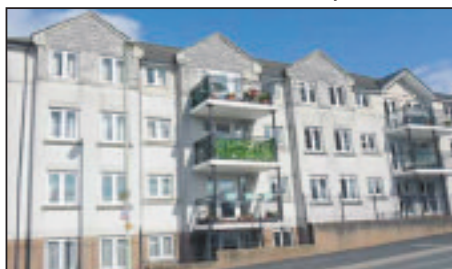
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NEW

Clapps Lane, Beer £159,000

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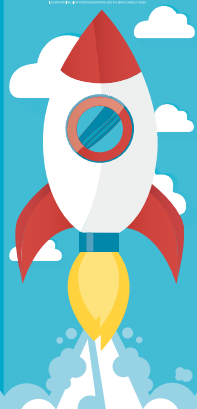
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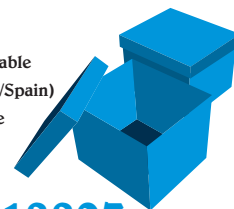
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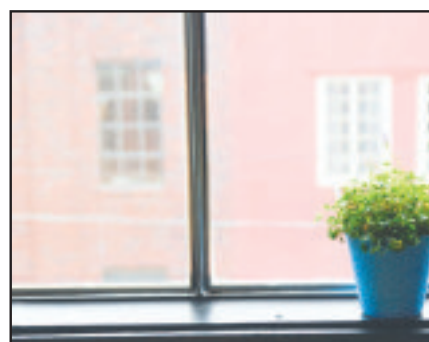
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ŠKODA CITIGO with new front section and upgraded interior

FROM spring 2017, the ŠKODA CITIGO is being presented with comprehensive upgrades to the exterior design and some revisions in the interior. Bonnet, radiator grille, bumpers and fog lights with optional cornering function come in a new design. Specially designed 15-inch alloy wheels complete the new look. ŠKODA's city car impresses with its generous amount of space, excellent layout, high level of safety, great handling, efficient drivetrain variants and numerous 'Simply Clever' features. Value for money – typical of the brand – rounds off the city runabout's offering. The ŠKODA CITIGO will celebrate its premiere at the Geneva International Motor Show (7-19 March 2017).

With the revisions, the ŠKODA CITIGO has grown by 34 mm to a length of 3,597 mm. The width of the five-door ver-

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The ŠKODA CITIGO is available in S, SE, SE L and Monte Carlo trim levels. UK customers can also opt for the stylish Colour Edition.

A brand-typical design with a new front section

The ŠKODA CITIGO's front section has been fundamentally revised: a new bonnet, a redesigned radiator grille in typical ŠKODA design, modified bumpers and updated fog lights create a fresh, young look. The tinted tail lights are now also available for the SE trim line. A colour package with roof and wing mirrors offset in white or black is available for Colour Edition.

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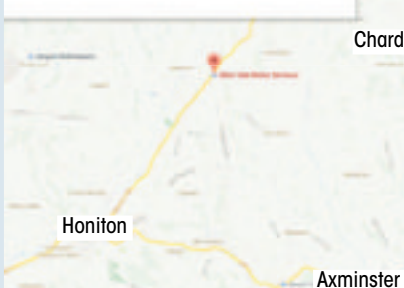
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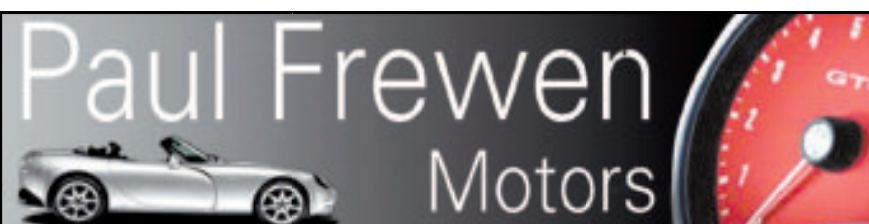
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| Wincanton Town..... | 32 41 |
| Warminster Town..... | 29 40 |
| Devizes Town..... | 30 40 |
| Roman Glass SG..... | 30 36 |
| Chippenhams Park..... | 31 35* |
| Westbury Utd..... | 30 34 |
| Oldland Abbotonians..... | 27 33 |
| Bishops Sutton..... | 29 31 |
| Corsham Town..... | 29 29 |
| Welton Rovers..... | 31 29 |
| Calne Town..... | 28 27 |
| Almondsbury UWE..... | 28 14 |

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| Somerset D1W (24) Pld Pts | |
| Portishead Town Res..... | 15 37 |
| ILMINSTER TOWN..... | 16 34 |
| Street Reserves..... | 15 31 |
| Winscombe..... | 16 29 |
| Somerton Town..... | 14 28 |
| Uphill Castle..... | 17 26 |
| Burnham Utd..... | 15 20 |
| Minehead AFC..... | 15 20 |
| Cleeve West Town..... | 17 15 |
| Highbridge Town..... | 15 14* |
| COMBE ST NIC..... | 16 14 |
| Glastonbury..... | 16 6 |
| Congresbury..... | 15 5* |

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| D&E Div 3 (20) Pld Pts | |
| Bampton..... | 16 33 |
| University 4ths..... | 14 33 |
| PERRY STREET..... | 13 32 |
| Axminster Res..... | 16 30 |
| Honiton Town Res..... | 16 29 |
| East Budleigh..... | 20 29 |
| Tedburn St Mary..... | 18 23 |
| Newton Poppleford..... | 16 21 |
| Clyst Valley Res..... | 16 15 |
| Exmouth Amat Res..... | 17 11 |
| Culm Utd..... | 18 4 |

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| D&E Div 7 (22) Pld Pts | |
| Wellington 3rds..... | 20 48 |
| ILMINSTER RES..... | 18 46 |
| Crabbrook..... | 19 45 |
| Sidmouth Town 3rds..... | 16 33 |
| Exmouth Spartans..... | 17 31 |
| K&M Polonia Exe..... | 18 24 |
| Woodbury Res..... | 18 19 |
| Cheriton Fitzpaine..... | 18 18 |
| Seaton Town Res..... | 14 14 |
| Bickleigh Res..... | 15 11 |
| Cyton Res..... | 16 7 |
| HT Dons..... | 19 4 |

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| Perry St Premier (20) Pld Pts | |
| Beaminster..... | 14 34 |
| South Petherton..... | 13 30 |
| Barrington..... | 13 30 |
| Shepton Beauchamp..... | 13 29 |
| Winsham Utd..... | 13 25 |
| Misterton..... | 11 17 |
| W & M Chinnock..... | 12 12 |
| Chard Utd..... | 10 11 |
| Netherbury..... | 13 9 |
| Combe Reserves..... | 12 2* |
| Drimpton..... | 14 0 |

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| Perry St Div 1 (18) Pld Pts | |
| Pymore..... | 10 23 |
| Forton Rangers..... | 11 20 |
| Waytown Hounds..... | 11 20 |
| Merriott Rovers..... | 10 19 |
| Hawkhurst Utd..... | 7 16 |
| Uplyme..... | 11 14 |
| Shepton Beau Res..... | 10 11* |
| Ilminster Colts..... | 10 10 |
| Combe A..... | 8 8 |
| South Petherton Res..... | 12 2 |

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| Perry St Div 2 (18) Pld Pts | |
| Chard Rangers..... | 11 30 |
| Charmouth..... | 26 26 |
| Halstock..... | 9 24 |
| Farway Utd..... | 12 24 |
| Winsham Utd Res..... | 12 22 |
| Thorncombe Res..... | 12 12 |
| Dowlish & Donyatt..... | 11 12 |
| Crewkerne Rangers..... | 9 6 |
| Kingsbury Episcopi..... | 6 6 |
| Chard Utd Reserves..... | 11 3 |

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| Perry St Div 3 (22) Pld Pts | |
| Misterton Reserves..... | 12 29 |
| Uplyme Reserves..... | 12 27 |
| Forton Rangers Res..... | 11 27 |
| Merriott Dynamos..... | 12 20 |
| Ilminster Town A..... | 15 20 |
| Crewk Rangers Res..... | 12 19 |
| Thorncombe Res..... | 13 19 |
| Lyme Regis Rovers..... | 13 16* |
| Fivehead..... | 12 12 |
| Chard Rangers Res..... | 15 11 |
| Farway Utd Res..... | 13 8 |
| Chard Utd All Stars..... | 10 2* |

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| SW Women's Div 1 (16) Pld Pts | |
| Forest Green Rovers..... | 11 31 |
| AEK Boco..... | 10 24 |
| ILMINSTER TOWN..... | 9 17 |
| Cheltenham CS..... | 10 15 |
| FC Chippenhams..... | 12 14 |
| Oldland Abbotonians..... | 8 13 |
| Cheltenham Town..... | 14 9 |
| Team Mendip..... | 12 3 |

The local sport scene

with Howard Larcombe

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football around the south somerset teams

Five star Perry Street in County final

Up top Tom shows how it's done - Miles off the mark with rapid hat-trick - Blues close gap

Saturday, February 11th
Chard Town 5 Malmesbury Vic 1
Toolstation League Div One

BRAD Miles opened his goal account for Chard Town with a stunning hat-trick that was made all the more memorable by the fact that the three goals arrived within a frenetic three minute spell.

Just 10 minutes had gone when Miles opened the scoring with his first goal since his move from Ilminster Town following a one-two with Scott Martin.

His second came less than a minute later when he surged onto a low cross from David Duarte and finished well.

Amazingly Vic's keeper Kevin Bridgeman was picking the ball out of the net for a third time 120 seconds later with Miles wheeling away having rounded off this triple.

The game was as good as over in the 20th minute when Miles turned provider picking out Steve Friend who slotted home his ninth goal of the season.

Both sides then missed good chances to add to the score sheet before half time.

Malmesbury improved after the interval and pulled a goal back on the hour through Sam Parker but The Robins, who gave Western League debuts to Barrington FC's Simon Cherry and George Hayward, made it 5-1 when Jack Dicker looped home a header in the 69th minute.

This was Chard's biggest home goal-haul since Westbury were beaten 5-3 almost three years ago.

Next up for Chard, now up to the seventh in the table, is Saturday's short trip to sixth-placed Bishops Lydeard (3pm ko). The Bishops' won the reverse fixture 3-2 at Zembard Lane back in October.

Chard Town: Jon Hill, Shaun Wells-Burr, Ryan Mason, Andy Holmes, Kieran Bailey, David Duarte, Jack Dicker (George Hayward 75), Matt Howell (Simon Cherry 80), Brad Miles, Scott Martin (Jack Wolfe 75), Steve Friend. Unused subs: Stu Parris, Luke Jackson.

SW Peninsula Division One (E)
Salmon Utd 1 Axminster Town 0
 AXMINSTER Town dropped two places to seventh after drawing a blank at lowly Glastonbury United.

The winner came on the half hour when the hosts were awarded a penalty. Matt Barwell's spot kick was well saved by Tigers' keeper Brett Garner but Liam Halliday reacted quickest to tuck away the rebound.

Ax are due to visit Exeter University next Saturday (3pm ko).

Axminster: Brett Garner, Craig Every, Ben Clay, Chris Duchenski, Elliot Dyer, Aaron Daniels, Liam Cleal, Nathan Warren, Callum Garrett, Mark Scott, Tony Pinder. Subs: Dan Beer, Jamie Barfoot, Jon Hurford.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

Division One (West)

Congresbury 1 Ilminster Town 4
 WITH leaders Portishead being held 1-1 at Street, Ilminster Town closed the gap at the top with an away day win at relegation haunted Congresbury.

"With all due respect you can see why they are bottom," said Ilminster boss Jason Manley who side took the lead through and own goal after Matt Brown had hit the crossbar with a long-range effort and then made a hash of a one-on-one opportunity.

Josh Parsons headed home number two from a corner before half time and the game was as good as won. Ilminster dominated possession again

in the second period and added a third when top scorer Taylor Jefferson scored his 13th goal of the season with a shot that went off the post.

Jefferson then set up Jon Delahaye for the fourth before the hosts grabbed a late consolation from the penalty spot.

There's a huge game ahead for Ilminster next week when they welcome promotion rivals Street Reserves (2.30pm ko).

Winscombe 3 Combe St Nicholas 1
 THREE second half goals put paid to Combe hopes of an away-day three-point haul.

Phil Loaring's side held a slender 1-0 lead thanks to an own goal going into the break. But the hosts were soon level and went on to clinch the win. "The result doesn't reflect on how we played - we created some good chances," said Loaring.

Combe will be in a basement battle when they entertain fellow strugglers Glastonbury next Saturday (2.30pm ko).

JUNIOR CUP SEMI-FINAL

Perry Street 5 Frome Collegians 2
 "WE were superb from start to finish," was Perry Street manager Andy Bond's glowing assessment of his team as they reached the Final of the Somerset Junior Cup.

After missing a couple of early chances Bond's side took the lead midway through the first half when Sam Bond shrugged off a couple of challenges before finding Tom Perry who made no mistake.

But the visitors equalised just before the break when they broke swiftly from a Perry Street corner. Despite the set-back Street rallied well and struck twice soon after the interval to lead 3-1 with Josh Chadwick netting from the penalty spot after Callum Machattie been fouled, and Steve Every bundling number three home from close range.

Frome halved the deficit and the game hung in the balance. The hosts went close through Billy Sheahan. Bond, Perry and Ben Mear but had to wait until the 75th minute before finally breaking the visitors' resolve when Perry crossed to Machattie the near post.

The scoring was completed in stoppage time when Perry was fouled in the area and O'Connor tucked away the second penalty of the match.

"I'm delighted with the result, but also the way we won," said Bond who also praised groundsman Gordon Gent for his efforts in preparing the Tatworth pitch.

Street's opponents in the final will be Coleford Athletic who won their semi-final at Westonzoiland 2-1 after extra time.

Perry Street turn their attention back to their title bid in the Devon & Exeter League Division Three next Saturday with the visit of Honiton Town Reserves (3pm).

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

Ilminster Res 7 Bickleigh Res 1
(Division Seven)

A STRONG second half performance saw Ilminster Town Reserves continue their bid for the Division Seven title.

The Blues led 2-0 at half time through goals from Igor Costa and Kamil Wilk.

A foul on David Pereira then saw Ricky Anderson make it 3-0 from the penalty spot and the floodgates opened with further strikes from

Forton Rangers



■ **PROMOTION CONTENDERS:** Forton Rangers are among the front runners in the Perry Street League Division One. Line-up, back row: Dave Ellis (Manager), Andy Stevenson, Elliott Richards, Dave Harris, Matt Warfield, Jake Board, Cameron Barfoot, Russell Gage, Kane Ellis, Darren Druce. Front: Ryan Scott, Craig Studley, Matt Qualle, Ryan Mustchin, Wayne Long, Chris Warry. Photo by IAN HALLETT

Costa, Warren Gabbidon, debutant Kev Cavanagh and the pick of the bunch from skipper Luke Paul.

Ilminster head off to the coast to take on Sidmouth Town 3rds next Saturday (3pm).

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

PREMIER

Combe Res 1 South Petherton 7
 A SHORTAGE of striking options saw South Petherton manager Karl Diment throw Tom Case up top for Saturday's visit to Slades Cross, and the centre back repaid his manager with four goals in the crushing of Combe Reserves.

It was goal less for half an hour but once James Hatcher broke the deadlock for Pethy they never looked back.

Case lobbed home the second before half time to leave Combe staring down the barrel and the visitors, and Case in particular didn't disappoint striking twice to complete his hat-trick on the hour mark.

Hatcher then netted his second, Case his fourth before Mark Nelms rounded things off.

Josh Manley scored the hosts' consolation.

Drimpton 2 W & M Chinnock 6

A FINE hat trick from Dan Tucker helped West & Middle Chinnock bring and end to a sticky patch of five games without a win as Drimpton took another step towards Division One.

Stacey Hawes, Liam Bennett and George Pitman also netted for the Chinnocks, whose joint player manager Dan Harvey said: "It wasn't as convincing as we would have liked, but it's a big result given our upcoming run of fixtures."

Drimpton went ahead early on through an own goal with former Hinton striker Ross Jewell scoring their second consolation.

Shepton Beau 1 Netherbury 0

A DAN Smith goal five minutes before half time earned Shepton Beauchamp three more points to keep them in the title mix.

"It was a hard earned win in Baltic conditions. On another day we could have had six or seven, but we dug in and ground out the result. Credit to

Netherbury, they played some good stuff," said Shepton manager Doug Whitfield.

Smith fired into the bottom corner from the 18 yards while Netherbury's bets moment came when a thunderbolt free-kick cannonned back off the home crossbar.

The Chard United v Beaminster match was postponed due to a frozen pitch at Jocelyn Park

DIVISION ONE

MERRIOTT Rovers' push for a return to the Premier Division was halted as they drew for the third time in five matches. But a point at rivals Waytown may prove to be vital come the end of the season.

Waytown took the lead through an own goal, but Mark Tweedie salvaged a point for Rovers who were well served by MoM Ash Cooper in a new centre back role.

Elsewhere, Forton Rangers kept up the pressure on leaders Pymore with a 7-2 win over Shepton Reserves. Andy Stevenson scored four for the Rangers whose other goals came from Craig Studley.

Cam Barfoot and George Read, Player-boss Terry Crocker netted twice for Shepton - the first a scorcher from 25 yards, the second from the penalty spot.

Meanwhile, the bottom two battled out a 2-2 draw at Lightgate Lane with Mike Usher and Ross Fanyinka on target for Combe A against hosts South Petherton Reserves whose goals came from Claron Maguire and Ben Jackson.

Other scores: Hawkchurch Utd 4 (J.Melville 3, J.Larcombe) Uplyme 0, Pymore 3 Ilminster Town Colts 0.

DIVISION TWO

Chard Rangers 2 (J.Capper 2) Chard Utd Res 1 (D.Potter), Charmouth 2 (H.Bibb, R.Haime) Winsham Utd Res 1 (B.Masters), Crewkerne Rangers 1 (S.Denslow) Halstock 4 (M.Cawley 2, C.Tanner, D.House), Farway Utd 4 (J.Murraell 4) Kingsbury Episcopi 1 (A.Ordierno).

DIVISION THREE

Chard Utd All Stars 0 Uplyme Res 10 (R.Smith 5, J.Harris 3, A.Pelaou 2), Ilminster Town A 3 (S.Park, M.Vinall,

D.Wiseman) Chard Rangers Res 2 (John Mason, N.Trenchard), Lyme Regis Rovers 8 (P.Peacock 3, S.Taylor 2, R.Evans, R.King, R.Fowler) Fivehead 0, Merriott Dynamos 7 (M.Calverley 3, M.Hill 2, T.Markoliski 2) Farway Utd Res 2 (D.Cody, S.Trim), Misterton Res 3 (C.Preston, K.Adams, J.Williams) Forton Rangers Res 5 (J.Alford 3, E.James 2).

Top scorers

Premier
 38 - Rich Hebditch (Beaminster).
 16 - Ryan Thurgood (South Petherton).
 14 - Andy Whitefield (Barrington).
 13 - George Hayward (Barrington).
 12 - Jamie Spurdle (Misterton).
 11 - Shane Evans (Beaminster), Murray Legg (Beaminster), Dan Rogers (Chard Utd).

Division One
 34 - James Melville (Hawkchurch Utd).
 18 - Jon Legg (Waytown Hounds).
 16 - T.Hussey (Pymore).
 14 - Nick Mortimer (Merriott Rovers).
 Robbie Walker (Forton Rangers), Gavin Herrod (Hawkchurch Utd).
 13 - Jack Steer (Merriott Rovers).
 11 - Andy Stevenson (Forton Rangers), Jordan Brain (Shepton Beau Res), Terry Crocker (Shepton Beau Res).
 10 - Jake Bearpark (Uplyme).

Division Two
 30 - Mark Cawley (Halstock).
 16 - John Allan (Winsham Utd Res).
 15 - Scott Marshall (Chard Rangers).
 12 - Jordan Capper (Chard Rangers).
 11 - Brin Seward (Charmouth), Corey Sutherland (Winsham Res), Chris Tanner (Crewkerne Rangers/Halstock).
 10 - Scott Isaacs (Crewkerne Rangers), Dan Rendell (Charmouth).

Division Three
 32 - Callum Preston (Misterton Res), 6
 26 - Stuart Packer (Forton Res).
 25 - Pete Peacock (Lyme Regis Rovers).
 21 - Stuart Weston (Misterton Res).
 17 - Jack Alford (Forton Rangers Res).
 15 - Jonnie Harris (Uplyme Res).
 14 - Ajay Evans (Chard Rangers Res).
 12 - Frank Harris (Uplyme Res).
 10 - Kev Cavanagh (Chard Ranger Res), Danny Baker (Merriott Dynamos), Ali Gurlek (Crewkerne Rangers Res, Ryan Smith (Uplyme Res).

New captains intalled at Honiton

CRICKET ST THOMAS with Bert Robinson

TWENTY three pairs avoided the rain on Monday in the fifth round of the Winter League.

Although the early frost soon disappeared, half the course was on winter greens which made life a lot easier, and there were many scores in the 40s. Result: 1st Iain Rowland & Bob Hollingsworth 46 points, 2nd Barrie Heath & Trevor Dobson 45, 3rd Ian Griffiths & George Wallace 45.

Meanwhile, 40 Seniors attended the Wednesday individual stableford qualifier in benign conditions.

Result; Division One: 1st Martin Bargery 41 points, 2nd Trevor Dobson 40, 3rd Rod Stevens 40. Division Two: 1st Nick George 41 points, 2nd Bob Rees 38, 3rd Bert Robinson 37.

Fortunately, the threatening weather forecast for Friday did not materialise and, despite a bitterly cold day,

40 Seniors entered the afour-man Medalford competition.

Result: 1st Peter Spencer-Farr & Lyndsey Gage (63) & Bob White & Frank Martin (43 points) 20, 2nd Fred Oliver & Andy Beale (65) & Phil Hunt & Roger Withers (41 points) 24, 3rd Bert Robinson & Danny Dowell (64) & Bill Hilson & Ian Housham (39) 25.

AXE CLIFF with Peter Motson

THE Ladies and Seniors played a 15-hole mixed Greensomes.

The winning pair were Barbara Cummings & Malcolm Glass with 27pts. In second on count back with 25 were Jill & Dave Bruce from Helen Gaudie & Bill Polley.

The Ladies section also played the second of their County Prize stableford competition. Pauline Willis finished on top with 33pts, closely followed by Barbara Cummings (32) and Jo Donmall (28).

HONITON with John Pawley

THE Club AGM was held on Thursday. Chairman Peter Clarke opened by announcing that the membership had increased to around 500 members, with the Club in a sound position.

Vice President Paul Hill then proposed Max Pipe as the new President, following the death of Alec Gosling. Max then proposed Penny Blackburn as new Vice President.

Outgoing Captain Julian Phillips handed over the reins for 2017 to Julian Netherway. With Ron Graham stepping down after many years of service in various guises, Alan Pollock, Olwen Eaton, Julian Phillips and Jackie Seager were then elected to the Board.

On a glorious sunny Wednesday morning 13



■ ALL SET: The four new Honiton golf club captains; Janet Hughes, Julian Netherway, Mike Sennitt and Haydn McCance

pairs of ladies teed up to play a foursomes Stableford - a tricky format, requiring understanding between partners, as it is strictly alternate shots from tee to green.

All the main greens were in play with one temp tee. Wet ground made conditions tricky, with no ball run.

One pairing chose to just play the first round of the Australian Spoons, with five pairs playing both tests but overall scoring was generally low.

The foursomes winners were Gill Johnson & Jan Portlock with 30pts, followed by Sue Ritchie & Chris Luttman (29), Ann Trayling & Stephani Barnes (27) and Heather Clarke & Tricia Swindell (26).

The Australian Spoons is played over several months, with as many partners as you wish, whilst accumulating points for each player - results later in the year.

More than 50 hardy Seniors braved the Arctic

northeast wind on Friday to take part in a 3BBB Stableford, with only one score to count.

Dave Maggs scored superbly to take his team of Peter Stubbington & Bill Eaton as clear winners with an impressive 46pts, ahead of Ian Davis, Alex Neil & Mike Delaney with 42. Mike Ward, Bob Cleal & Ted Chandler also scored 42 but lost out on count-back. Fourth place was taken by Mike Watts, George Blake & Phil Wall with 41. Two's were recorded by Jim Wallis at the 12th, and Tom Tunnicliffe on the 7th - their reward 16 balls each.

On Sunday the newly elected Captains held their drive-in after a 4BBB Stableford, with two scores to count.

The shotgun start meant a rude awakening for most in the bitter northeast wind but some good scores were achieved.

The clubhouse was packed with members from all four sections to see their new Captains drive off the 18th tee.

Big game ahead

Drybrook 43 Chard 7

South West Div One
CHARD were unable to get anything from their long journey to North Gloucestershire.

This coming Saturday the team are at home against Midsomer Norton in what is a must-win game if they are to have any chance of avoiding the drop at the end of the season. Kick off is 2.30pm.

Bottom of the table

| | Pld | Pts |
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| Newent | 19 | 53 |
| Bridgwater & Alb | 19 | 49 |
| Okehampton | 19 | 45 |
| Bideford | 19 | 45 |
| North Petherton | 19 | 44 |
| Teignmouth | 19 | 40 |
| Kingsbridge | 19 | 20 |
| CHARD | 18 | 17 |
| Midsomer Norton | 19 | 7 |

Results;
Somerset Two South
Minehead 2nd 58 Chard
2nd 17

Div Three South
Chard 3rd W-O North
Petherton 3rd
(North Petherton unable to raise a team).

Fixtures (February 21st all 2.30pm ko)
Chard v Midsomer Norton
Wiveliscombe v Chard 2nds
Chard 3rds v Wells 3rds

Chard Colts 33
Clevedon Colts 14
Somerset Colts League
THE Colts thrilled a good-sized crowd on the main pitch with a fine display against Clevedon.

The whole Chard team played well, but the three individuals who stood out for Chard were Adam Moore, Barnaby Down and Joe Mainwaring. Moore crossed for three tries and Man of the Match Down managed one try as well as converting four of the five tries scored. Down was singled out as well for a fine all round performance both in defence and attack.

Mainwaring had his usual solid game and fittingly crossed for Chard final try.

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Colyton

Cup: Cloakham B 386 (P Miller 76) Colcombe Beerboys 340 (N Hales 63); Lamb A 328 (P Pomeroy 66) Volunteer B 339 (N Broom 68); Axminster Con A 372 (J Trivett 73) Gerrard B 348 (J Tucker 73); Ship C 382 (N Ostler 72); Kingfisher A 396 (A Bishop 76).

Semi-Finals (to be played on Saturday, March 11th, 8:45pm) Kingfisher A v Axminster Con A (at Colyton Memorial Club), Volunteer B v Cloakham B (at the Gerrard Arms).

Tony Hawkins Memorial

Knocked-Out Cup: Honiton Con D 403 (W Collins 74) New Inn B 344 (S Davey 69); Tuckers Arms B 356 (K Tratt 66) Offwell A 360 (J Lockyer 68); Colyton Club A 363 (P Clode, M Cox 64) Vine A 325 (C Maher 64); Honiton WMC B 305 (P Neely 62) Vine B 358 (R Blackmore 68);

Semi-Finals (to be played on Saturday, March 11th, 8:45pm): Vine B v Colyton Club A (at the Colcombe Castle), Offwell A v Honiton Con D (at the Kingfisher).

Captains Cup

(top 4 to final)
Group 1, White Hart; Ian Bell (Offwell A) 68, Dave

Coombes (Tuckers B) 66, Julian Trivett (Ax Con A) 65, Alan Peach (Wheelwright A) 61, P Norman (Vine Nomads) 61 - after throw-off, D Hall (Rising Sun B) 60, H Hawkins (Gerrard A) 59, M Barnes (Cloakham Wanderers) 57, A Parsons (Kingfisher A) 56, Barbara Thompson (Seaton bowling) 50, R Allen (Kings Arms A) 50, D Thompson (Red Lion Cavaliers) 50

Group 2, Rising Sun; Malcolm Wakley (Hon Con D) 67, Nigel Barrett (Red Lion Sid) 66, Ray Tedbury (Colyton Club A) 65, Terry Darrant (Honiton WMC B) 63, R Blackmore (Vine B) 62, G Chandler (Hon WMC A) 62, B Pike (Colcombe A) 62, G Sweetland (Sidbury Stones) 61, D Crabb (Heathfield A) 59, G Ruck (Village Inn) 57, C Hutchings (Eagle Tavern) 57, S Bartlett (Colcombe Beerboys) 56, J Newton (Dolphin Vikings) 53.

Group 3, New Inn; Mark Enticott (Cloakham B) 72, Simon Flint (Red Lion A) 66, Ben Dowell (Kingfisher B) 58, Brent Dicks (Lamb B) 56, D Gammon (Winstons A) 55, M Archibold (Kings Arms Beers) 54, Sheila Davenport (Vine A) 53, S Leach (Winstons KOOTS) 50, Debbie Soan (Hon Con Artists) 47, Gill

Quick (Heathfield B), **Group 4, Cloakham;** Darryl Jones (New Inn A) 72, Dave Park (Seaton FC B) 71, Sean Scotland (Offwell B) 62, Richard Payne (Axe Inn A) 60, S Land (Wilmington Harts) 60 - after throw-off, D Hedditch (Hon Converts) 59, Roz Williams (Three Tuns BTP) 48. *The Cup final is on Saturday at the Colcombe Castle, 8.30pm start.*

Axminster

Div 1; Gerrard D 337 (W Mudd 61) Green Army 338 (D Kelland 63), Ax Con Rebels 293 (H Harris 54) Thorncombe Drifters 288 (D Mortimer 55), Sidmouth Arms 388 (S Durrant 75) Tuckers C 347 (D Roberts 66), Red Lion D 396 (T Herbert Jnr 81) Wootton Cowboys 406 (S Forsey 80), B&Gs 343 (D Board 67) Red Devils 340 (G Fisher 63), Thorncombe B 353 (C Atyeo 71) Lamb Spartans 371 (S Dickson 69).

Div 2; Thorncombe C 331 (C Upham 64) New Inn A 339 (D Hodder 63), New Inn C 355 (A Dawe 67) Ax Inn Jokers 335 (A Churchill 76), Lamb A 294 (D Weston 59) Gerrard A 298 (G Richards 57), WH Warriors 377 (P Harrison 80) Thorncombe A 351 (R Maber 71), Cloakham Stars 368 (J Furzey 82) Colcombe A 369

(J Williams 70), Wootton Sherberts 357 (L Baker 69) Red Lion C 308 (A Bright 58).

Div 3; Gerrard B 347 (A Dymond 65) Kings Arms Seaton 356 (K Tozer 69), Old Inn Kilm B 337 (A France 58) Ax Inn B 325 (J Mear 59), Colcombe B 423 (G Perry 78) Ax FC A 391 (T Webber 72), Ax FC H/Cs 388 (R Strawbridge 76) Ax FC IV 406 (J Bearpark 84). **Div 4;** Kingfisher A 272 (C Bonny 53) Lamb Shanks 295 (T Deem, P Herrod 57), Bev's Boys 319 (M Jones 60) Ship Rotary 326 (J Brennan 63), Seaton BC 307 (P Grigg, T Hurley-Smith 54) Gerrard C 292 (B Knight 53), Colcombe Nomads 382 (B Sheddon 70) New Inn Hawks 373 (D Lucas 76), Bottle Inn 305 (P Wallis 58) Winstons Wobblers 336.

Division One

| | Pld | Pts |
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| Ax Con Club Rebels | 18 | 30 |
| Lamb Spartans | 18 | 26 |
| B & Gs | 18 | 26 |
| Wootton Cowboys | 18 | 22 |
| Thorncombe B | 18 | 20 |
| Red Lion Red Devils | 18 | 18 |
| Sidmouth Arms | 18 | 18 |
| Tuckers C | 18 | 18 |
| Green Army | 18 | 16 |
| The Feds (Kingfisher) | 17 | 12 |
| Thorncombe Drifters | 18 | 12 |
| Old Inn Kilminster A | 17 | 12 |
| Red Lion D | 18 | 12 |
| Gerrard D | 18 | 8 |

Division Two

| | Pld | Pts |
|--------------|-----|-----|
| Thorncombe A | 18 | 26 |
| Thorncombe C | 18 | 24 |

Division Three

| | Pld | Pts |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Axminster Inn B | 16 | 24 |
| Old Inn Kilminster B | 16 | 22 |
| Gerrard B | 17 | 20 |
| Axminster Inn A | 16 | 17 |
| Axminster FC IV | 15 | 16 |
| Kings Arms Seaton A | 16 | 16 |
| Axminster Halcutts | 17 | 16 |
| Axe Con Club A | 15 | 16 |
| King Wingers | 14 | 14 |
| Axminster FC A | 17 | 14 |
| Axminster FC B | 16 | 10 |
| White Hart Wilm B | 13 | 10 |
| Colcombe B | 16 | 9 |

Division Four

| | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Lamb 49s | 15 | 23 |
| Lamb Shanks | 17 | 22 |
| Seaton Bowling Club | 14 | 20 |
| Colcombe Nomads | 16 | 20 |
| Winstons Wobblers | 16 | 19 |
| New Inn Hawks | 16 | 18 |
| Bev's Boys | 14 | 14 |
| Ship Rotary | 16 | 14 |
| Kingfisher A | 17 | 14 |
| Gerrard C | 15 | 12 |
| Tuckers Y | 15 | 10 |
| Bottle Inn | 16 | 8 |
| White Hart Colyford | 13 | 6 |

Ladies

Div 1; New Inn B 278 (J Quick 58) Gerrard Guzzlers 284 (K Randall 53), Colcombe A 377 (S Foxwell 75), Ax Inn A 380 (J Palmer 74), Seaton BC 291 (B Thomp-

son 52) New Inn A 291 (G Perkins 53), Rousdon Ladies 342 (S Millman 66) Thorncombe Newtops 305 (C Bull 58), Bees Knees 334 (L Bastin 66) Colcombe Girls 332 (A Wren 61). **Div 2;** B&Js Cloakham 330 (B Roberts 58) WH Wilm A 306 (J Bishop 61), Ax Inn Allsorts 243 (R Enticott 45) Colcombe B 285 (S Wilton 57), Colcombe Angels 340 (S Gush 67) Cloakham A 347 (A Ellis 65), Thorncombe A 286 (Kim Gaylard 54) Tuckers A 292 (L Gould 57), Gerrard A 285 (G Lamprill 55) Ax FC Battleaxes 319 (S Bennett 56), Tuckers B 311 (K Laing 55) Seaton FC 322 (S Smart, L Smitham 60).

Ladies Division One

| | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Axe Inn A | 16 | 28 |
| Wotnots | 14 | 24 |
| Seaton Bowling Club | 14 | 21 |
| Red Lion A | 15 | 18 |
| Rousdon Ladies | 16 | 17 |
| Colcombe Girls | 16 | 14 |
| Gerrard Guzzlers | 16 | 13 |
| Bees Knees | 16 | 13 |
| Colcombe A | 15 | 12 |
| New Inn A | 15 | 12 |
| New Inn B | 15 | 8 |
| Thorncombe Newtops | 16 | 4 |

Ladies Division Two

| | Pld | Pts |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Cloakham A | 17 | 22 |
| Battle Axes | 16 | 20 |
| Tuckers Arms B | 16 | 20 |
| Gerrard A | 16 | 20 |
| Colcombe B | 17 | 18 |
| B & Js | 16 | 18 |
| White Hart Wilm A | 17 | 18 |
| Tuckers Arms A | 17 | 16 |

Seaton FC 16 16
Colcombe Angels 17 14
Thorncombe A 16 12
Axe Inn Allsorts 17 10
Red Lion Rabble 14 8

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Division One

| | Pld | Pts |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Super Sexy Six | 14 | 131 |
| Lost Boys | 14 | 127 |
| Headhunters | 14 | 109 |
| Mighty Ducks | 14 | 97 |
| The Coachmen | 14 | 96 |
| Stray Cats | 14 | 84 |
| Football Club | 14 | 82 |
| King Willy Dogs | 14 | 69 |
| Rollers | 14 | 68 |
| Odd Bobs | 14 | 58 |
| Sports 92 | 14 | 44 |
| Royal Oak Drimpton | 14 | 43 |

Division Two

| | Pld | Pts |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Perrott Monkeys | 14 | 104 |
| Brewers Bees | 14 | 102 |
| Pinstubers | 14 | 94 |
| Rugrats | 13 | 93 |
| Loud & Proud | 12 | 95* |
| Skimmers | 14 | 89 |
| Hillbillys | 13 | 77 |
| Raptors | 14 | 69 |
| Muppets | 14 | 66 |
| Ugly Ducklings | 14 | 65 |
| Fudders | 14 | 63 |
| Fryers | 14 | 61 |

Division Three

| | Pld | Pts |
|---|-----|-----|
| DBST | 14 | 110 |
| Admiral 6 | 14 | 101 |
| Royal Chokers | 14 | 99 |
| The King's Jesters | 14 | 99 |
| Chis Colts | 14 | 90 |
| Beer Leg Boys | 14 | 82 |
| Concorde | 14 | 81 |
| Sandbaggers | 14 | 79 |
| Willy Low Flyers | 14 | 77 |
| Rotary | 14 | 77 |
| King's Men | 14 | 58 |
| The Likely Lads | 14 | 55 |
| Top Score; T.Champion & V.Ball both 65. | | |

darts chard & district

| Premier Division | Pld | Pts | Pig Jockeys | Pld | Pts |
|--|-----|-----|--|------------|------------|
| High 4 & a Half | 9 | 176 | Cult of Personality | 10 | 81 |
| Rejects Return | 8 | 148 | Pirates | 10 | 80 |
| Wanderers | 8 | 119 | Nice Ricks | 10 | 74 |
| BDBs | 8 | 107 | Most 180s; S.Castle & M.Ballance both 2, 14 players x1. | | |
| Crusaders | 8 | 104 | | | |
| Hobnobs | 9 | 103 | | | |
| Happy Sharks | 8 | 84 | | | |
| Hopefuls | 8 | 62 | Division Two | Pld | Pts |
| Most 180s; L.Cox 6, P.Lawrence 5, S.Rutter & S. Mainwaring both 3, G.Knight, A.Hodges, D.Cook & G.Hill all 2, 13 players 1. | | | HRT | 9 | 114 |
| | | | Madhouse Crew | 9 | 104 |
| | | | Stumpy's Gang | 9 | 100 |
| | | | Happy Days | 9 | 93 |
| | | | Dizzy Tarts | 9 | 87 |
| | | | The Haymaker | 9 | 65 |
| | | | No skill, just lucky | 8 | 59 |
| | | | Two minute crew | 8 | 53 |
| | | | Most 180s; A.Pidgeon, B.Allen, A.Sprake & K.Tovey all x1. | | |
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snooker season & district

Bonus for ExCons

Results; Sidmouth Cons 3+2 Honiton WMC 3+0, Colyton TC 3+0 Colyton ExCons 3+4, Colyton Feds 2+0 Chard Casuals 4+4.

Of the three matches played this week two ended in draws, notably each of the three Sidmouth players took frames playing away from

home at Honiton WMC. David Selway dropped a frame, and bonus points to one of Sidmouth's C rated players.

At Colyton, Paul Martin chalked up the ExCons first four bonus points of the season, and on the other table Chard Casuals ran up a 4-2 victory also with four bonus points.

| League table | Pld | Pts | Bruce Miller Cup Pld | Pts | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|-----|----|
| Wonderers | 11 | 61 | Wonderers | 11 | 61 |
| Colyton TC | 11 | 37 | Chard Casuals | 11 | 57 |
| Colyton Feds | 11 | 32 | Sidmouth Cons | 11 | 46 |
| Chard Casuals | 11 | 31 | Colyton TC | 11 | 43 |
| Colyton ExCons | 11 | 29 | Colyton Feds | 11 | 40 |
| Sidmouth Cons | 11 | 24 | Colyton ExCons | 11 | 33 |
| Honiton WMC | 11 | 20 | Honiton WMC | 11 | 32 |

bowls east devon short mat

| Evening D1 | Pld | Pts | Beer | 8 |
|----------------|-----|-----|----------------|---|
| Beer | 8 | 12 | Uptottery | 8 |
| Sidbury | 8 | 11 | Ottery St Mary | 5 |
| Sidbury Whites | 7 | 8 | Seaton Yellow | 5 |

| Evening D2 | Pld | Pts | Afternoon D2 | Pld | Pts |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|
| West Hill | 8 | 13 | St Teresa's | 8 | 10 |
| Awliscombe | 9 | 10 | Seaton Blue | 9 | 9 |
| Uffculme | 7 | 8 | Sidford Blue | 8 | 9 |
| Sidbury Reds | 7 | 7 | Chard | 9 | 8 |
| Ottery St Mary | 7 | 5 | Lyme Regis | 8 | 7 |
| Colyton B | 6 | 1 | Combe St Nich B | 8 | 7 |

| Afternoon D1 | Pld | Pts | Afternoon D3 | Pld | Pts |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Colyton | 9 | 12 | Musbury | 9 | 12 |
| Awliscombe | 9 | 12 | Hemyock B | 9 | 10 |
| | | | Combe St Nich A | 9 | 10 |
| | | | Seaton Green | 8 | 9 |
| | | | Colyton B | 9 | 8 |
| | | | Sidford White | 8 | 3 |

darts colyton & district

RESULTS (1001/Pairs first): Dolphin A (2/4) Vault A 3(2); New Inn (2/2) Golden Hind 3(4); Kingfisher A (2/2) Kings Arms 3(4); Vault B 4(3) Halesy's Bar B 1(3).

| 1001 pairs Tucker Cup | Pld | Pts | Highest Finish: 127 Ed Coutts (Vault A). |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|--|
| Halesy's Bar A | 14 | 60 | 180s: Dan Larcombe (Vault B). |
| Halesy's Bar B | 14 | 52 | Nine Dart Legs: Ken Deville (Kings Arms), Pete Letten (Vault B). |
| Vault A | 16 | 48 | |
| Kings Arms | 15 | 48 | |
| Vault A | 15 | 41 | |
| Golden Hind | 16 | 39 | |
| Kingfisher A | 16 | 39 | |
| Vault B | 15 | 34 | |
| Kingfisher B | 13 | 30 | |
| Dolphin B | 14 | 20 | |
| Clarence A | 14 | 17 | |
| New Inn | 15 | 11 | |

darts axminster

RESULTS (Jan 31st) Team; Dapper Darts 1-5 Axminster Inn, Red Bulls 1-5 Con Club, Vault A 4-0 Red Necks.

| Team table | Pld | Pts | Singles table | Pld | Pts |
|---------------|-----|-----|---------------|-----|-----|
| The Swamp | 10 | 20 | Vault A | 12 | 37 |
| Vault A | 12 | 19 | The Swamp | 10 | 35 |
| Con Club | 11 | 18 | Con Club | 11 | 31 |
| Axminster Inn | 12 | 11 | Axminster Inn | 12 | 22 |
| Len Goodmans | 9 | 10 | Len Goodmans | 9 | 20 |
| Red Necks | 10 | 9 | Red Necks | 10 | 15 |
| Lamb Shanks | 10 | 6 | Lamb Shanks | 10 | 13 |
| Dapper Darts | 10 | 1 | Red Bulls | 10 | 8 |
| Red Bulls | 10 | 0 | Dapper Darts | 10 | 7 |

starter's orders running news

Parkruns growing in popularity

Chard Road Runners

with Paul Masters

THERE was just the one race this weekend for Chard Road Runners members who took part in the TAUNTON HUMDINGER Half Marathon. Matt Baker, along with Emma Male and Helen Baxter set off to take the first few miles at a steady pace with a plan to run hard second half.

All was going well until rounding a corner the runners were delivered the delight of a flooded road with ice floating to add to the surprise! Baker kept up his good pace and crossed the line in 2:01:51, Male clocked 2:07:09 and Baxter 2:25:51.

Axe Valley Runners

with Dave Mutter

MADDIE Carter was first home in the February Junior handicap taking 18:13, followed by with Harry McMahon 14:08, Sami Narayakkara 14:13, Ethan Huntley 14:00 and Josh D'Albertanson 16:23. McMahon leads the junior

standings with 43 points followed by Rosie Kendall (38) and Harvey Burrough and Josh D'Albertanson (both 33). Kelly Stamp was the Senior handicap winner in 27:37 followed by David Cooke 28:41, Flo Swan 23:16, Matt Hewer 21:33, Alan Morbey 26:35 and Fran Hodson 27:20.

Stamp leads the Senior standings with 44 points from David Cooke (41) and Matt Hewer (36).

Meanwhile, the weekend's three-lap Exeter half marathon was a two-day event. Emma Kiernan ran on Saturday finishing 35th out of 191 runners in 1:29:19 (PB).

In the Sunday race Angela Kerr came 11th, 1:57:40 and Martin Kerr 242nd, 2:22:45 out of 276 runners.

Graham and Diane Newton, along with daughter Paula, ran the second WORTHING HALF-MARATHON on Sunday.

They all finished very cold but happy with their performance; Graham was first in,

at 1:35:20, Paula was next in 2:07:47 and then Diane in 2:26:47.

Elsewhere, Simon Gould finished the FOUR TRIGS in 3:26. Sunday brought The HUMDINGER, a hilly road half marathon that has over 1,000ft of climb.

This race is becoming more and more popular and this year both The Humdinger and The HURTLE sold out (The Hurtle is the shorter five-mile version).

The race itself was keenly contested and AVR had Terry Emmett and Matt Hewer in The Humdinger and Robin Britton in The Hurtle.

Emmett, who came fourth last year improved on his time and finished ninth in 1:25:38. Hewer was 16th, 1:30:06. Britton came home 29th in 39:50.

Honiton RC's Kevin Hawker was once again the victor of the SEATON PARKRUN, completing the 5K route in 17:48.

It was celebration time at a

cold and drizzly GORLESTON CLIFFS (near Gt. Yarmouth) PARKRUN where Dave Kelf came in first over 70, 213th overall in 35:11.

Patrick Devine-Wright won the KILLERTON PARKRUN in 18:29 with Tim Lenton fourth, 19:13.

It was another great night for what was the penultimate round of the Seaton winter 5k series with many pbs and a few new runners.

Matching the most participants to have taken part yet at 11 with hope for a few more in the final event, the winner this month, with a new course record, was Ollie Caute in 16:39 followed by Jake Smith, 16:51, Terry Emmett 18:13, Matt Hewer (a pb at each event) 18:28, Garry Perratt 18:37, Josh Hopson 19:11, James Guler 19:31, Karl Hodson 20:35, Chris Keefe 20:57, Fran Hodson (new female course record) 23:16 and David Cooke 23:46.

There is one event left in the series on March 8th.

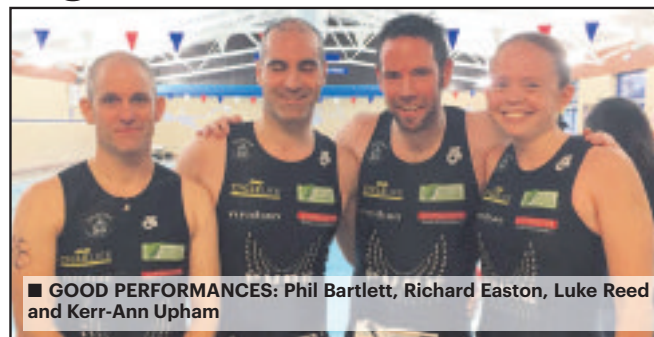
Local club make great start to season

PURE endurance Triathlon Club were involved in their first event of the year with six entrants at the Dawlish Aquathlon which was held at Dawlish Sports centre.

These included Jonathon and Ethan Day who were making their Pure Endurance debut taking on the novice distance, with Luke Reed, Kerri-Ann Upham, Richard Easton and Phil Bartlett taking on the

full distance. Ethan Day came second in his age category with a time of 17:19 and Jonathon day won his age category with a time of 18:35.

Reed was the top athlete with a time of 29:44 and sixth in his age category followed by Upham 33:17 and fourth in her age category, Easton 34:08 and second in his Age category and Bartlett 35:10 and 16th in his age category.



■ GOOD PERFORMANCES: Phil Bartlett, Richard Easton, Luke Reed and Kerr-Ann Upham

hockey honiton hornets

Hornets honour Mags with stylish win

Honiton Hornets 4 Sidmouth & Ottery 3rds 0 THE Hornets' match started last week with a minute's silence to remember club Chairman Margaret Williams who died a year ago.

'Mags' had been a dedicated player, umpire and chairman of the club for many years since it's formation.

The Honiton team then set

out to play in the style Mags would have been proud of with some great passing and attacking play.

Jean Gormley found the back board first finishing off a shot from Vanessa Trude which the keeper wasn't able to clear.

Katrina Tucker scored the second with a solo effort from midfield slicing through the

Ottery midfield and finishing with a fast strike giving the keeper no chance.

Honiton kept the pressure up throughout the match with a number of shots saved striking the goal frame or just inches wide of the mark.

In the second half the pressure told and a short corner was awarded. Player-of-the-Match Amy Phillips con-

nected well and the ball whizzed past the keeper to make it three with a fourth goal coming from Tucker with a fine reverse stick strike.

The win keeps Honiton seven points clear at the top of the table with five league matches remaining.

Honiton Hornets are always keen to welcome new players - see www.wcwhl.co.uk

jack high bowls news and round-up

Cup run over for Honiton ladies

HONITON with Julie Grant

THE friendly matches went well for Honiton last week with wins at Exonia (62-43) and at home against Chardstock (148-28).

In the EXONIA game the best rink was John Mabbutt, Tony Williams, Barrie Singleton & Janice Sharman 24-7.

Against CHARDSTOCK the top rink was Harry Riley, Brian Braund, Richard Bland & Eddie Sharman 39-5.

Meanwhile, tourists from WEST BERKSHIRE were defeated 70-57, top rink Ron Rogers, Judith Broom, Tony Broughton & Heather Chambers 21-15.

The ladies put up a fight but eventually lost to PALMERSTON 47-61 at Poole in the national Vivienne Cup quarter final, the winning triple being Ann Brown, Carol Armitage & Gail Hawke 18-5.

In the ICL Honiton men won on all four rinks and by 92-62 against SIDMOUTH so gaining maximum point, top rink Ken Clarke, Barrie Singleton, Bill Nicholls &

Terry House 30-8.

Finally, Jimmy Smith and Scott Eveleigh have won through to the semi-finals of the COUNTY UNDER 21 SINGLES competition.

ILMINSTER with Des Maull

ILMINSTER men are through to the County double rink semi-final after a comprehensive 48-23 win against BRISTOL on Saturday. Details: Home, Pete Bromfield, Rowland Garland, Bev Brister & Ian Lightfoot 22-15; Away, Jonathan Kingston, Alan Holt, Chris Robinson & Matt Hamilton 26-8. Ilminster will play the winners of St Andrews or Victoria, both from WSM, on the 11th/12th March.

On the same day Ilminster defeated the visiting NOMADS 74-45 in a three-rink mixed friendly. Details: Brian Welch, Joan Gratrix, John Osborne & Dave Crouch 27-10; John Waddell, Dave Cox, John Mitchell & Maureen Mitchell 26-21;

Derek Carter, Heather Sims, Roger Lench & Barry Sims 21-14.

Chard SMBC with Janet Bodily

Tuesday, January 31st; Six members travelled to SEATON smbc to play a mixed friendly.

Scores; Ena Stringer, Vic Barnard & Phil Stringer 10-3, Margaret Flynn, Hilary Angold & Norman Sumpter 8-9, Hilary Angold, Margaret Flynn & Norman Sumpter 9-2, Ena Stringer, Vic Barnard & Phil Stringer 5-20, Ena Stringer, Phil Stringer & Vic Barnard 11-5, Hilary Angold, Margaret Flynn & Norman Sumpter 11-3. Final score; Seaton 42 Chard 54

Milford & Dormor Mixed Triples

Thursday, February 2nd; Musbury 27 Hurricanes 2, Trull 18 Greyhounds 7, Harlequins 16 Canaries 7.

crib round-up

HONITON

RESULTS (Feb 9th); Feniton Soc B 4 Thirsty Farmer 4, Honiton Inn B 3 Workingmens A 5, New Fountain 7 Feniton Soc A 1, Vine Inn A 3 Vine Inn B 5, Workingmens B 6 Honiton Inn A 2. Captains Cup; Audrey Hawkins 1, Hedley Hawkins 0, Julie Davis 0 Mike Dent 1 Lionel Hawkins Julie Bath 1, Maureen Pendrick 1 Brenda Flood 0, Rita Freemantle 1 Lorraine White 0.

Fixtures - Knock Out Cup Preliminary Round (first leg) February 23rd; Blacksmith Arms v Feniton Soc A, Honiton Inn B v Honiton Inn A, New Fountain v Thirsty Farmer (Workingmens Club A & B, Vine Inn A & B, Feniton Soc B - all byes).

| Final table | Pld | Pts |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Vine Inn B | 20 | 94 |
| New Fountain | 20 | 93 |
| Blacksmiths Arms | 20 | 92 |
| Vine Inn A | 20 | 85 |
| Workingmens B | 20 | 82 |
| Workingmens A | 20 | 80 |
| Thirsty Farmer | 20 | 77 |
| Feniton Social B | 20 | 75 |
| Honiton Inn B | 20 | 70 |
| Feniton Social A | 20 | 68 |
| Honiton Inn A | 20 | 64 |

| Captain's Cup | Pld | Pts |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Lionel Hawkins | 20 | 16 |
| Julie Bath | 20 | 12 |
| Rita Freemantle | 20 | 12 |
| Julie Davis | 20 | 11 |
| Maureen Pendrick | 20 | 10 |
| Brenda Flood | 20 | 10 |
| Lorraine White | 20 | 9 |
| Mike Dent | 20 | 9 |
| Hedley Hawkins | 20 | 8 |
| Audrey Hawkins | 20 | 7 |
| Steve Pettitt | 20 | 5 |

angling news

Field lifts league title

IT WAS bitterly cold for the 10 Ilminster AA members fishing the final Royal Oak match on the River Isle on Sunday.

Although the top weights were very good, it was a struggle for most.

Graham Field had the best weight on the day with 14lb of chub, roach and perch from peg 124 at Isle Brewers, his victory also saw him take the league title.

Stuart Aplin was second with a nice net of quality roach weighing 10lb 2oz from peg 125 and Terry Morgan was third with 4lb 11oz from peg 126.

After nine matches Field was crowned League Champion with 13 points and Jamie Rich was the runner up with 17.

Next Sunday is the final V.E.S. Precision match and the draw is at Upper Coxes at 8.45am.

Sections; A - Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish) - 2lb 13oz, B - Adie Bishop (Taunton) - 3lb.

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Chard

D-DAY: Chard Rugby Club's attempt to avoid relegation could all come down to the outcome of Saturday's visit by bottom-of-the-table Midsomer Norton

Perry Street

HISTORY MAKERS: Perry Street FC have made the final of the Somerset Junior cup for what is believed to be the first time in their 114-year history.

South Petherton

ON THE CASE: Defender-turned-striker Tom Case comes up with the goods.



GOALS: Tom Case

Glovers fail 0 level test

Yeovil Town 1 Leyton Orient 1

SkyBet Division Two - att; 3,120

AFTER sparking into life with victory over Plymouth Argyle, Yeovil Town have once again reverted to ordinary.

Having dropped points at Hartlepool, and been thrashed by Luton Town in the Checkatrade competition midweek, albeit with a scrambled side, the Glovers had the opportunity to regain theirs and the supporters confidence by spanking the O's who had suffered six straight losses and were struggling to fire under new manager Danny Webb who had a spell at Huish Park as a player.

However as so many times before over the last few seasons, they flatter to deceive.

In a game that was as dull and uninteresting as the freezing cold conditions, few Yeovil players were able to break off the shackles and deliver, particularly in midfield where only Ben Whitfield, who won the sponsors man of the match vote.

Whitfield tried to inject some ingenuity into the game whilst finding time to get in some shots on goal, although his finishing left a lot to be desired on this occasion, but Matt Dolan, although working hard was off key, and Alex Lawless struggled in his first game back after a month out with injury.

Up front, manager Darren Way gave a first start to Jean-Louis Akpa-Akpro who apart from one burst of pace late in the first half, had a very quiet game and was replaced with 20 minutes to go by another loan signing Shayon Harrison who was no better.

Tom Eaves once again ran his heart out up front and put himself about, but unfortunately so many times having won possession he failed to provide a decent final ball.

For me my man of the match was Francois Zoko. I am a big fan of him and find Way's suggestion that he and

Stuart Broom

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Eaves are underperforming puzzling to the point of signing three forwards on the last day of the transfer window.

The muscular Ivorian once again worked his socks off until he was replaced through injury just before added time.



DOUBLE BLOW: Glovers' keeper Artur Krysiak to a painful knock to the head but recovered and could do nothing about the late equaliser

A number of times his powerful runs and quick feet saw him force his way through the big Orient defence to the delight of the fans freezing on the terraces, whilst his appetite to work hard and close down the opposition was excellent.

Such a run midway through the first half saw him leave three or four opponents in his wake as he cut in from the left to engineer a shooting position on the edge of the box.

Unfortunately his standing foot slipped as he went to shoot and his shot dribbled into keeper Sam Sargeant's arms.

However he popped up just before the

break to put the Glovers ahead with a typical striker's goal.

It followed a long delay whilst keeper Artur Krysiak received treatment for a facial injury when he collided with Rowan Liburd as they bravely contested a 50/50 aerial delivery.

Almost immediately from the restart Eaves turned and fired in a 20-yard deflected shot that Sargeant did well to reach. Zoko was first to react to the rebound and swiftly fired home between the keeper and the near post from the acutest of angle.

A goal to the good at the break, Yeovil came out at the start of the second half and started to appear to control the game against a side with plenty of bluster and aggression but not much else.

However, with 20 minutes to go The "Os" staring a seventh consecutive defeat in the face, picked up their game and started to put the home defence under pressure.

The loss of left back Ryan Dickson requiring a reshuffle the back four may have been partly responsible, but the Glovers found themselves once again in the latter stages of a game having to desperately defend, and as so often has happened in the past, they are finally breached.

Two minutes from time Josh Koroma's right wing cross was nodded back across goal by Paul McCallum but Nathan Smith just managed to prevent Liam Kelly tapping home. However, the ball ran to former Yeovil loanee Gavin Massey who lashed the ball home.

This was two points lost and stunted the Glovers attempt to join in the race for a play-off place; they are now 11 points adrift of that aim with time running out.

Stuck in no-man's land they need to take advantage of another home game when they entertain CAMBRIDGE UNITED tonight (Tuesday).



Glovers by numbers

| Sky Bet League Division Two | Pld | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Doncaster Rovers | 30 | 19 | 6 | 5 | 59 | 35 | 24 | 63 |
| Plymouth Argyle | 29 | 19 | 3 | 7 | 48 | 30 | 18 | 60 |
| Carlisle United | 30 | 13 | 13 | 4 | 52 | 43 | 9 | 52 |
| Luton Town | 30 | 13 | 10 | 7 | 44 | 29 | 15 | 49 |
| Exeter City | 30 | 15 | 3 | 12 | 48 | 32 | 16 | 48 |
| Portsmouth | 29 | 14 | 6 | 9 | 42 | 28 | 14 | 48 |
| Mansfield Town | 30 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 37 | 30 | 7 | 46 |
| Wycombe Wanderers | 29 | 13 | 7 | 9 | 37 | 35 | 2 | 46 |
| Colchester United | 29 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 44 | 36 | 8 | 44 |
| Stevenage | 30 | 13 | 3 | 14 | 47 | 47 | 0 | 42 |
| Blackpool | 29 | 10 | 11 | 8 | 43 | 29 | 14 | 41 |
| Barnet | 30 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 39 | 42 | -3 | 41 |
| Grimsby Town | 30 | 11 | 7 | 12 | 36 | 39 | -3 | 40 |
| Cambridge United | 29 | 11 | 6 | 12 | 36 | 34 | 2 | 39 |
| Morecambe | 28 | 11 | 5 | 12 | 36 | 44 | -8 | 38 |
| YEovil TOWN | 30 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 32 | 37 | -5 | 37 |
| Crawley Town | 29 | 10 | 6 | 13 | 34 | 44 | -10 | 36 |
| Crewe Alexandra | 30 | 7 | 11 | 12 | 31 | 43 | -12 | 32 |
| Hartlepool United | 30 | 7 | 10 | 13 | 37 | 52 | -15 | 31 |
| Cheltenham Town | 30 | 6 | 11 | 13 | 33 | 44 | -11 | 29 |
| Accrington Stanley | 28 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 26 | 37 | -11 | 29 |
| Notts County | 30 | 8 | 5 | 17 | 32 | 54 | -22 | 29 |
| Leyton Orient | 30 | 7 | 5 | 18 | 30 | 45 | -15 | 26 |
| Newport County | 29 | 5 | 9 | 15 | 33 | 47 | -14 | 24 |

Top scorers (all comps)

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| 1. Francis Zoko | 19 |
| 2= Tom Eaves | 7 |
| 2= Otis Khan | 7 |

Shots

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|--------------|----|
| 1. Tom Eaves | 28 |
| 2. Otis Khan | 21 |
| 3. F. Zoko | 13 |
| 4. M. Dolan | 11 |

Assists

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| 1. Matt Dolan | 5 |
| 2= Otis Khan | 4 |
| 2= Kevin Dawson | 4 |
| 2= Ben Whitfield | 4 |

Appearances

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| 1= Nathan Smith | 36 |
| 1= Tom Eaves | 36 |
| 3= Kevin Dawson | 34 |
| 3= Artur Krysiak | 34 |

Upcoming Fixtures

Tonight (Tuesday) - H v CAMBRIDGE UTD (7.45pm) Sky Bet D2
Saturday, Feb 18th - A v Cheltenham (3pm) Sky Bet D2
Saturday, Feb 25th - A v Notts County (3pm) Sky Bet D2
Tuesday, Feb 28th - H v MANSFIELD (7.45pm) Sky Bet D2
Saturday, March 4th - H v LUTON TOWN (3pm) Sky Bet D2
Saturday, March 11th - A v Morecambe (3pm) Sky Bet D2
Wednesday, March 15th - H v BARNET (8pm) Sky Bet D2

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